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OUTLINES.

At Marques, Texas, a negro youth was lynched for trying to gain admissmittance to the room in which he believed a young white girl was sleeping——B. W. Atkins, editor of a Georgia newspaper was shot by J. W. Morgan with whose sister he was trying to elope——Admiral Dewey celebrated his 70th birthday yesterday and received many notable guests——The street car men in Philadelphia have decided to strike, unless their demands for fewer hours and more pay are granted ——At the King Powder Mills at Dayton the third explosion in as many weeks occurred last night and one man's arm was torn off——Ernest G. Stedman, a prominent New Yorker, against whom proceedings in bankruptcy had been filed, committed suicide by jumping in front of a subway train ——James Scott Moore, a vetran newspaper man of Virginia, is dead at Lexington——The steamer Nan Smith, with coal for the Battleship fleet springs a leak and has to turn into Hampton Roads for repairs——In the trial of Powers at Georgetown, Ky., witnesses continue to be examined and to contradict each other——The Winter Carnival season at New Orleans opened last night——A fire, doing about $30,000 damage, destroyed several hotels and restaurants at Pine Beach, which adjoins the Jamestown Exposition grounds——The cotton mill men of New England have voted to curtail production 25 per cent between now and March 1st——Dr. Amsburg of Hyde Park, Mass., pleads not guilty to the murder of his wife——At Lexington, Ky., the Southern Educational Association is in session—— The captains of the American Fleet of Battleships are being royaly entertained at Port of Spain and all the men, at least most of them, are given shore liberty——Down in Dalton, Ga., one of the guests at a Christmas dinner made some uncomplimentary remarks about the cooking and a shooting occurred. John Tanks an innocent onlooker is dead——The reason for Admiral Brownson's resignation from the Navy is out; he didn't want Surgeons appointed as commanders of ships in the Navy but the President insisted and that was all there was to it——New York markets: Money on call firm at 6 to 18 per cent., ruling rate 18, closing bid 8, offered at 11; turpentine quiet at 44 1-2; rosin quiet.

The coal mines appear to be more deadly than the submarine variety.

Nobody much had heard of Cortelyou's boom till he denied it, himself.

Secretary Root is after the motor-car vote. He's bought an automobile.

Perhaps the Thomas W. Lawson became disgusted with her name and committed suicide.

Gompers will probably be terribly discomforted if he don't wind up in jail. It looks like that's what he's after.

Jimmy Brazen" Hyde says he will not return to America and we have not heard of any cablegrams of regret being sent.

One reason the Republican party has remained in power so long is that it gets credit for native American brains and all the natural resources.

"Blessed are the men to whom Christmas wasn't a bother," says an Exchange. Yes, thrice blessed. The cemeteries are full of them.

Most of those bills being introduced in Congress are not necessarily as a matter of good faith but principally for publication in the home papers.

We suppose that Newport News-paper refers to Walter Wellman as "the Bryan of the North Pole" because there is so little likelihood of his ever getting there.

"Denver is too near the clouds" says the Philadelphia Record, but the Democratic party has been up in the air so habitually of recent years that it will not mind that.

Somebody says the President is going to become an editor when he goes out of office. After he has received a few bills for white paper, he'll learn to curtail and condense.

"Speaker Cannon may decide to abolish the House of Representatives and run things alone," says the New York American. No good of that, unless it be to cut down expenses. He is the entire show as it is.

In a New York insane asylum the other day, a man died who for twenty years has immagined he was a performing elephant in a circus. Some men are permitted to roam the streets of Wilmington who imagine they are the whole show.

TWO ARE MURDERED

Jealous Negro Rival Shoots Down Colored Woman And Then Her Paramour.

AT A DISREPUTABLE HOUSE

Tragedy Not Discovered Until Morning After and Then From Blood That Trickled Through Floor. Perpetrator Escapes.

A double murder perpetrated some time during Christmas eve night at the house of Josephine Pigford, a disreputable colored woman living in Terry's alley, near Fourth and Brunswick streets, came to light the following morning when blood was discovered trickling through the floor under one corner of the house from a pool in which one of the victims lay on the inside.

The dead are Slocum Williams, colored, 26 years of age, living at 615 North Sixth street, and his paramour, Josephine Pigford, at whose house the tragedy occurred . Will Richardson, colored, a former associate of the woman, is believed to be the man who did the killing in a fit of jealous rage and he has made good his escape. Richardson is a bad negro and a few months ago stayed at the house of the Pigford woman. They quarreled and he beat her severely, breaking a chair over her head. She threatened to have him haled to court and he ran away. He had been working up the Carolina Central railroad but came to the city Monday and went in search his former paramour, finding that she had taken up with Williams. Tuesday afternoon he called at the house and it was closed up. At that time he made inquiry for the Pigford woman, spoke angrily of her association with Williams and threatened to kill them both, firing off his pistol several times to give emphasis to his threat. This was testified to by several witnesses, who lived in the alley near the house. Nothing was heard further of Richardson, but those in the vicinity said that about midnight they heard three shots in the house which was called to mind after the tragedy, no attention having been paid to them on the night in question with the constant exploding of canton crackers and other fireworks in the street.

The next morning some one in passing saw blood trickling through the floor at one end of the house and Officer M. C. Huggins was notified. He went to the house, found it tightly closed, but broke in the door to ascertain the cause of the blood stains. The two dead bodies were found in one corner of the room as if they had been shot down as so many cattle as they arose and faced a door through which the perpetrator of the deed evidently walked. One ball passed entirely through the head of the man, struck the side of the house and went through to another house in the same alley. The woman was shot through the heart. Those in the vicinity said they heard three shots, though each of the victims had one other wound, the man in the lower left side of the face and the woman in the hand.

Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, was at once notified of the killing and permitted the remains of the man and woman to be removed to Alex. Davis' undertaking shop where they were prepared for burial. At the same time a searching inquiry was instituted as to the perpetrator of the deed and the facts were gathered about as stated above. It is believed that after doing the killing, Richardson closed the house door and got out on the early morning Carolina Central train. A negro named Will Flowers, who had been seen in company with Richardson the day before, was arrested as a witness but was later discharged after he testified before the coroner's inquest that he did not know Richardson and had not been with him at the house.

After viewing the remains of the two victims of the tragedy, the coroner's jury met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with Mr. F. T. Skipper as foreman; Mr. Cherry, secretary, and Messrs. T. B. Cowan, J. D. Mote and J. A. Lewis, members of the jury. Three women who live in the alley were questioned very closely as to all the circumstances of Richardson's visit and his former association with the woman, which led to the verdict that the two came to their deaths as the result of gun shot wounds in the hands of Richardson. The police and county officers did all in their power to locate the negro but there is no doubt but that he fled the city before the killing was discovered.

Convention Entertainment.

Writing in his county paper of the Baptist State Convention recently held here, County Superintendent of Public Schools F. T. Wooten, of Columbus, says of the entertainment here: 'Wilmington cared for the convention well. There was a home, a good home, for every one. No people are more hospitable than the people of Wilmington. They know how to make visitors feel at home. To visit this good city once is to desire to visit it aagin."

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GERMAN

Delightful Dance Last Night in Masonic Temple Ball Room by L'Arioso Club—Beautiful Favors Gave Fantastic Setting

The annual holiday german given last evening by L'Arioso Club in the handsome Masonic Temple ball room, brilliantly illuminated and most elaborately decorated with palms, ferns, smilax and other plants and flowers with here and there a suggestion of the Old North State, in pine boughs and needles, was the most elaborate affair of its kind given this season.

The figures were led by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., and a spectacular feature was added in the presentation of handsome favors, these consisting of fans, work boxes, rubber balls, red ties, flags and other nonsensicalities for the gentlemen. Excellent music was discoursed by Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra and upwards of a hundred couples were present and dancing while the gallery was thronged with spectators who looked on upon the pretty german and reveled in the beauty of it all. The interest in the dance was accentuated by the presence of many young people at home for the holidays and not a few visitors, who were most cordially welcomed by the club.

Among those present and dancing were: Miss Isabel Smallbones with Mr. C. C. Brown, Jr.; Miss Virginia Bailey with Mr. W. L. Smith, Jr.; Miss May Ella Moore with Mr. Harry P. West; Miss Atha Hicks with Mr. Laurence Sprunt; Miss Julia Worth with Mr. George Kidder; Miss Marguerite Walker with Mr. W. L. Moore; Miss Annette Munds with Mr. Walter Kenly; Miss Saddie Williams with Mr. Louis Belden; Miss Sue Prince with Mr. William Peck; Miss Madeline DeRosset with Mr. Ashley Curtis; Miss Sadie Jones with Mr. Tom Wright; Miss Lillian Kenly with Mr. Ed Prince; Miss Helen Kenly with Mr. J. V. Grainger, Jr.; Miss Julia Parsley with Mr. Raymond Hunt; Miss Marguerite Short with Mr. J. E. Crosswell; Miss Helen Strange with Mr. Walter Storm; Miss Lucile Murchison with Mr. S. M. Boatwright; Miss Elise Kidder with Mr. Hal Boatwright; Miss Bessie Latimer with Mr. R. H. Bradley; Miss Florence Kidder with Mr. E. P. Bailey; Miss Ella Jacobs with Mr. Tom Meares; Miss Isabel Rountree with Mr. H. M. Chase; Miss Amoret Lord with Mr. W. G. W. Krafft; Miss Agnes McQueen with Mr. Benj. Bell, Jr.; Miss Leonora Cantwell with Mr. Louis T. Moore; Miss Bessie Burruss with Mr. R. E. Williams; Miss Kate Huske with Mr. W. A. Pechau; Miss Jennie Murchison with Mr. Milton Calder; Mrs. E. C. Holt with Mr. J. Walter Williamson; Miss Jane Meares with Mr. Eugene Beery; Miss Foster with Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr.; Miss Tallulah DeRosset with Mr. Armond DeRosset, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. George P. James, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. VanLeuven; Mr. and Mrs. McRee Hatch; Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones; Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Grainger; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Green; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Morton; Miss Sue McQueen with Mr. Henry B. Peschau; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skelding; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Jr.; Miss Theo Cantwell, Mr. C. McD. Davis.

Patronesses—Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. E. W. VanC. Lucas; Mrs. George W. Kidder, Mrs. G. G. Thomas, Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael, Mrs Hugh MacRae, Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mrs. P. L. Bridgers, Mrs. George Rountree, Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mrs. G. Herbert Smith.

SHIPS IN GALA ATTIRE.

Big Steamers and Sailing Craft Honor the Christmas Tide.

Masters of the seven British steamers and quite a number of the sailing craft in the harbor were not inadvertent to the fact that Wednesday was the glorious Christmas, the anniversary of the Prince of Peace, and their ships were attractively decorated in honor of the festival. Colors were displayed galore and aboard ship the clever masters were at "home" to not a few of their friends from shore.

The decoration of the British steamer Sierra Blanca. Capt. deGruchy, in a slip at the Champion Compress, were especially pretty and effective. An arch was formed with the flags of the ship from bow to stern over the masts and the signal letters spelled a pretty greeting in the following words: "Sierra Blanca Wishes City of Wilmington Joyous Christmas and New Year." Capt. deGruchy was especially cordial in the expression from the masts of his splendid ship.

—The Star has received a very pretty calendar for the new year from Mr. C. H. Bornemann, "The Pure Food Grocer," Seventh and Orange streets.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Palace Market—Dressed Turkeys.

The Academy of Music—Williams Comedy Co.

Business Locals.

Stolen—Open Face Gold Watch.
Lost—Double Case Gold Watch.
For Sale—Carnational and Flowers.
F. G. Smith—Card of Appreciation.
Baggett Brothers—New Year's Dinner.
Mechanics' Home Association—New Series.
Experienced Stenographer—Position Wanted.

DISPENSARY IS OUT

"Moral Institution" in Raleigh is Defeated By Comfortable Majorty of 547.

BACK PAY FOR SOLDIERS

Veterans of Spanish-American War Receive Amounts From Washington—Latest Aspects of Ralway Rate Litigation.

(By Associated Press)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—By a majority of 547 Raleigh today voted out its liquor dispensary and becomes a prohibition city, the dispensary to close at noon tomorrow. In the city there were 928 votes for prohibition, 381 for dispensary and two for saloons. The dispensary has been in operation here for four years, twenty-four saloons having been voted out in favor of the dispensary.

The sales have amounted to about $350,000 a year, with about $75,000 profit, this being placed to the credit of the school fund, the road fund and the city expense account. It reduced taxation, but the voters here felt that its influence was not for the city's best interest and voted it out. The election was a perfectly quiet one.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—The dispensary was closed Tuesday evening for Xmas day and for election today. It could be opened tomorrow until noon when the result of the election is officially declared but it is not the purpose of the management to do so. The election today was decidedly quiet. The announcement last night that the church bells be rung at intervals during the day was not carried out, although there were prayer meetings in a number of the churches by the women. The prohibitionists began voting early. A big majority of the vote was cast by 9 o'clock. Practically no work was done at the polls by either side. In fact, the dispensary advocates very largely dropped out of the contest. The registered vote was 1,985 and the vote cost was 1,309 so 676 electors registered did not go to the polls, nearly all these being conceded to be advocates of the dispensary or saloons, who did not care to get into the contest. The vote for prohibition was 928 and for dispensary 381. The prohibitionists secured a majority in every ward, ranging from 14 to 106.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—The members of the three regiments of North Carolina troops who served in the Spanish American War and were formally mustered out at the close of that war, will now be able to collect a balance due them ranging from $2.60 to $50, according to rank and time of service, a balance for the collection of which efforts have been in progress for several years. The pay roll for this balance due was received Christmas day from Washington and will, the Governor says, be paid out just as fast as the proofs of service and identity are presented by claimants. Each soldier must prove his identity, the name must agree with the name on the official pay roll. There must also be presented the discharge and the proofs that he was the man discharged. The total balance due is about $2,000. There will be a deduction of about 21 per cent for cost of collection, the case having been pressed to a successful issue by Messrs. Manly & Hendren, of Winston-Salem.

Asked as to the progress of the railroad rate litigation and the trend of events leading up to the assembling of the General Assembly in special session to ratify the pending compromise, Governor Glenn said this morning that he was expecting almost any tick of the clock to mark the arrival of a communication for which he is waiting before taking some important action in the matter. "Something is really about to happen then?" queried the newspaper man. "Oh yes. I don't consider that there is really any doubt about the assembling of the Legislature," was the Governor's response. "It is only a question of just when the call will be issued and for what date."

It is a fact not generally known that the counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line branch of the rate litigation have reiterated their definite purnose to press the Coast Line case to final determination before the United States Supreme Court. The fact is that under the peculiar institution of the Coast Line case the railroad company is really powerless to take any action for stopping the litigation. The suit is by stockholders enjoining the officials of the railroad company from putting on the 2 1-4 cent rate prescribed by the legislative act; while the cases of the Southern and the other roads are by the respective companies against the Corporation Commission and the Attorney General, enjoining them from taking action that would lead to enforcing the rate. So it would be necessary for the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line to be relieved of the restraining order procured in the United States Court against them by the stockholders of the company before they could do anything whatever in the matter of coming into the compromise adjustment. Practically the same issues of confiscation of property and unconstitutionality on other grounds are involved in the Coast Line suit of the stockholders as in the Southern and other suits about to be settled out of court through compromise and legislative ratification.

IN THE POLICE COURT

Number of Defendants Was Large With the Christmas Intermission. Fifty-three Cases All Told. Market Street Affair.

With the intermission for Christmas, when no session was held during the day, the seating capacity of the police court room had to be considerably enlarged when Mayor Springer turned on the current yesterday at noon. All told there were 46 defendants docketed for trial on 53 charges, quite all of them having been at the bar of the court for holiday indiscretions.

Of the number of arrests sixteen of the defendants were coralled on Christmas eve and twenty-seven on Christmas day. So great was the rush on Christmas night that the one patrol wagon in the service of the Department was inadequate and an extra conveyance had to be hired to meet the call of the patrolmen on their beats. But with it all there was very little drunkenness and no serious disorder, a majority of the arrests having been for exploding fireworks contrary to law, the firing of guns and pistols and little affairs of "Where Greek Met Greek."

The most interesting case was that in which Mr. W. E. Watson, a well known young man of the city, was charged with five offences in connection with the little Christmas frolic at Front and Market street Christmas eve night. These charges were carrying a concealed weapon, resisting an officer, disorderly conduct and shooting fireworks of larger dimensions than prescribed in the ordinance. For the two last named offences he was fined $20 and $10, respectively, with the costs from which he took an appeal and in each of the other cases he was bound to the higher court. He was represented by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., while Herbert McClammy prosecuted the case in the absence of the city attorney. In the appeals and bonds for the higher court offences the amount aggregated $235 and this was given by the defendant with Messrs. George Harriss, P. Q. Moore, Geo. C. Jackson and J. W. Fleet as sureties. The case will come up before Judge Neal at the January term of the Superior Court.

The other cases yesterday were of no general interest. James Willie went to the roads for thirty days for vagrancy and half a dozen were required to give $25 bond for the higher court, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapons. Fines and costs aggregating $185 were imposed upon the lesser offenders and the school fund will be quite generously replenished as the result of the over exuberants on the holiday.

NOTES OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Literary Society Debate—Rev. T. A. Smoot to Speak—Auxiliary.

The Y. M. C. A. Literary Society will meet tonight at 8 o'clock for the regular weekly debate. The subject for discussion will be: "Resolved, That each man makes his own success or failure in life." The speakers will be Mr. K. W. Price, for the affirmative; Negative Mr. W. G. W. Krafft. Others will discuss the question extemporaneously and an interesting debate is assured.

Rev. T. A. Smoot, the new pastor of Grace M. E. Church, will speak at the men's meeting at the Association tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. All men are invited.

The Woman's Auxiliary are preparing for the New Year's reception. This will be a most interesting and delightful affair and all men of the city are invited.

MR. W. J. B. SCHERER DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday at Home of His Brother in This City.

Many friends will hear with sorrow and their sympathy will go out to the bereaved ones in the death of Mr. W. J. B. Scherer, which occurred at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his brother in this city, No. 405 Chesnut street, after a lingering illness of several months. Mr. Scherer was in the 53rd year of his age and had lived with his brother, Mr. George C. Scherer, of the United States Engineers' office in this city, for about six months. While it was known from the first that his condition was very critical, it was hoped that his life would be spared a little while longer and he was given the most careful nursing and the best of medical attention. After brief funeral services from the residence at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, the remains were taken to the former home of the family at Kellum, Va., for interment.

—The schooners John W. Hall and E. Marie Brown, previously cleared for New York and Philadelphia, respectively, sailed yesterday from Southport for their respective voyages.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Day Was Ideal But Celebration of Great World Festival Was Quiet.

SEVERAL CHURCH AFFAIRS

Salvation Army Remembers the Poor and Needy — Big Police Court Docket at City Hall—Other General Notes.

Christmas 1907, with its joys and gladness, with its sorrows and disappointments, has passed into history. It was a rather quiet Christmas in Wilmington. The day was perfect and nothing untoward marked the observance, but as compared with the great National festival of other years, it was not quite given up to the abandon, to the noise and hurrah that usually accompanies a celebration of the day. And perhaps, after all, that is the better Christmas spirit—a celebration of the birth of a Risen Lord.

In nearly all the churches there were some kind of appropriate service and family reunions in all parts of the city were not infrequent. While the travel on the railroads is reported to have been not quite up to the volume of past years, the crowds were handled with much more ease and there was a diminution of drunkenness and disorder in public places, and that will recompense for any shortcomings with the transportation people. In the city the day was passed quietly and there were many interchanges of greetings on the streets, while many went afield and spent a day with gun and rod. There were very few accidents of any nature and all were accompanied by no serious results. The order in the main was good in spite of the large number of arrests made by the police. The officers were especially alert under instructions of the powers "higher up" and that probably accounts for the range of the police court docket.

The Salvation Army.

Perhaps Christmas cheer was never dispensed generally and more lavishly in Wilmington than by the local post of the Salvation Army, in charge of Adjutant and Mrs. Yates. Christmas morning hundreds of baskets of provisions and delicacies were distributed to needy families all over the city and many a darkened home on Christmas morning was ablaze with the light of a new happiness upon the arrival of these messengers of gladness.

But the climax of the endeavors of the Salvation Army was reached in the beautiful Christmas tree given last night by the army in the large hall on North Front street. This was beautifully decorated with garlands of red and green with pretty Christmas bells suspended from the ceiling all over the room, while up front, the centre of activity, were two beautifully decorated and lighted Christmas trees at either end of a large Christmas arch that bespoke a hearty welcome for all who came. The crowds of young people and their parents began to arrive as early as a few minutes after six o'clock and by the hour of the opening the hall was packed and jammed. There were more than 300 young people from all parts of the city and the beauty of it was that there was a present, several of them, for each and every one. These consisted of games, candies, fruits and other little gifts that made many a little heart happy while for many there were appropriate gifts of clothing, shoes, hats, caps and the like, all these in addition to the delicacies. The exercises were opened by Adjutant Yates, who spoke briefly of the happy occasion and introduced Mayor William E. Springer, who responded in a neat little address paying high tribute to the local post of the Salvation Army and speaking in the most commendable terms of those at its head. Miss Abigail Yates, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yates, then rendered sweetly a solo, "Polly's Dolly" which was as neat as could be. Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of St. James', was then introduced by Adjutant Yates and he made a splendid address adverting to the Christmas spirit. Dr. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, followed with an exceedingly happy and inspiring little talk, after which Misses Abigail, Gwendolyne and Florence Yates, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Yates, sang sweetly "Santa Claus." All these were fitting preliminaries to the bounteous distribution of gifts which lasted until nearly 11 o'clock, quite everyone having been kindly remembered. Capt. W. P. Monroe and Prof. H. Womersley made two excellent Santa Clauses, while Mr. Roger Moore and Mr. R. H. Pickett kindly assisted members of the local corps with the distribution of gifts. The tree was a beautiful and inspiring sight. It should be noticed more at length, but space forbids.

At. St. Matthew's Church.

The Sunday School at St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church last night enjoyed its annual Christmas entertainment which was truly a delightful affair for all in attendance. The church auditorium was filled with the

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THE JOHNSON BOOM.

This comes from the Charlotte News and Courier and gives the basis of the Johnson boom:

"Mr. Johnson is the Democratic Governor of the Republican State of Minnesota. He was first elected in 1904. In that year Mr. Roosevelt carried the State of Minnesota by 161,464 plurality; Johnson's plurality was 6,352. Last year Johnson's plurality was 76,633. That is the sort of man Johnson is. If he should be nominated for President by the Democratic party he would carry, we believe, nearly every State in the great Northwest, and would beat any candidate the Republican party could name in opposition to him, so strong is the faith of the people in the high personal character of this man who has come up out of the West."

It is assumed that as a Presidential candidate Mr. Johnson could do in Minnesota what he has done as a Gubernatorial candidate, and following this assumption, what he has twice done as Gubernatorial candidate he could do next year in the Presidential race. Starting in this way, the calculation is simple.

The lower Southern States would all support the candidate without question, and with the Northwest and one or two middle States added, success would be assured without question. This could be depended on without even the assistance of New York, a State essential to Democratic success in all other calculations.

The Washington Post is interested and says:

"The growing popularity of John A. Johnson, Governor of Minnesota draws sharp attention not only to his personality, but to the fact that Democrats everywhere instinctively feel that they must seek out and present a new candidate for the Presidency. They are attracted to Gov. Johnson, and well they may be; but they must confess that when they turn to him they do so partly because they are forced to turn from some one else. Intelligent Democrats see clearly that with Mr. Bryan paramount they are chained to a body of death. Less intelligent Democrats may not see this fact so clearly, but there is reason to believe that they suspect something of the kind. They admire Mr. Bryan, but there is not such frenzied worship of the man as there was when it was said that they preferred to go to defeat with him than to victory with somebody else."

"The turning to Gov. Johnson is a high compliment to him, of course, but it is also a compliment to the Democrats who do the turning. He is a Democrat of remarkable qualities, whose character, record and environment make him available in many ways as a candidate for the Presidency. No Democrat should be considered who is not from the common body of Americans. Gov. Johnson has made his own way in the world, without wealth or position or powerful influence to aid him. He has tasted of poverty and obscurity, and in success he retains the good sense that raised him to prominence. He has met obstacles and mastered them with bravery and skill, always profiting by difficulties and growing upon the struggle, so that, having been tried in complicated siutations as governor of Minnesota, he has been found equal to every occasion. His record is well worth study. He has retained his simplicity, his directness of purpose, his cleanliness, and his administration has been energetic and able, and honest. It is not often that such a man comes to the front and stays there without revealing serious flaws. Gov. Johnson appears to be one of the rare men in public life who can serve the people steadily and faithfully without injuring them or himself by foolish mistakes or waywardness. His fund of common sense seems to be uncommonly large.

MR. DOOLEY ON CONGRESS.

In the January American Magazine, "Mr. Dooley," writing on Congress pokes fun at the Government for putting up a 500 room building in Washington for the use of its members.

He says:

"I see be th' pa-apers that th' gov'ernmint has put up a sumchuse palace f'r th' comfort iv th' nation's lawgivers, as Hogan calls thim. It'h a mansion where they will have all th' comforts iv home an' manny that are not home-like, but betther. Ivry Congrossman will have a room to himself, decorated in mahogany, inlaid with pearls, where he can put his feet on an ebony desk an' throw his peanut shells an' apple cores into myriad lapus lazuly cuspydors. Adjinin' each room there will be a bath, which a Congressman can take or leave, as th' mood seizes him. Beside each tub there will be specific insthructions, prepared be thrained governmint experts, f'r th' use iv th' bath in case iv necessity. 'Insert plug firmly in bottom iv tub; turn faucet at right. Congressmen are respectfully requested to remove shoes before enthering.' An' so on. Downstairs there will be a Turkish bath, where Congressmen can be invigorated afther settin' up all night discussin' th' river an' harbor bill with th' head waiter. On th' desk iv each member, the pa-aper says there will be a tillyantyscope, a conthrivance be which, when th' mimber is previnted be work or fatigue fr'm attindin' th' session, he can hear what's goin' on in th' house, an' thin hang up th' receiver an' remark: 'Cy Lumley is still gassin' about th' tariff. How manny cards?'"

THE POOR OLD HEN.

"Give us," exclaims a Chicago humorist in one of his graver moods, "give us fresh eggs or a revolution."

The cold storage concerns are not to be blamed for it at all. It is very well to cry "give us fresh eggs," but about the first thing to do is to "get next" to the old hen.

Thousands of men, and some women, have gone into the poultry business only to learn that hens are just like "white folks." They have their whims and are not open to argument. There is one good thing we like about the hen. She is not susceptible to flattery.

The real trouble with the American egg is not to be found with the produce men. It is up to the American hen. As hens can not be reformed by ordinary measures, and as the President has not yet found time to attend to this important matter we suppose the price of eggs will continue to go skyward.

Only ten percent of the American people think, says President Woodrow of Princeton University. Considering the patience with which they endure the high protective tariff robbery, although they have the power to put an end to it at will, it would seem that the learned doctor is not wide of the mark.

A Chicago Judge declares from the bench that it is as much the duty of the father as of the mother to walk the floor at night with the crying baby. The decision is rather belated. The mothers long ago so decreed and have generally enforced thir decree.

The State of Oklahoma will put in effect on February 1 a law "guaranteeing bank deposits," so the San Antonio Express says.

If that means that the law will guarantee that everybody shall have a bank deposit, we are for it.

A New Jersey boy testified in court the other day that he had never heard of God or the Bible. The which would seem to indicate that solicitude for the Heathen Chinee has blinded some missionary to the fertility of a field nearer home.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Within ten years the immigrants may put the native-born Americans upon reservations and maintain an attitude toward them like that of Leupp toward the Utes.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—Forty-five States of the Union attend to policing their own domain, and the reason that Nevada should be an exception is not clear.—Philadelphia Ledger.

—A southern Congressman wants to know by what processes of figuring the government arrived at its latest cotton crop report. He wants to use them to estimate the beans in a glass jar at a church fair when he goes back for the holidays.—Fall River Herald.

—We feel sure that no experienced Washington newspaper man is responsible for the allegel Cortelyou boom which has extracted such a wrathful disclaimer from the bristled secretary of the treasury. The older correspondents there know the young man pretty well and has his measure accurately. They know, too, that under no other administration possible could he hope to be a member of the cabinet. In any intellectual game that may be framed up, Cortelyou is a four-flusher.—Houston Post.

—There is a time to be silent and a time to speak. Even the President is not exempt from the will of the people, which required him to make plain his position in respect of another term, although he had already spoken on the subject. Mr. Hughes can not properly remain silent when the people require him to speak. The admirers and supporters of a public man acquire certain rights, purchased by their loyalty. They have a right to know that their efforts are not being wasted upon a man who is either unable or unwilling to act as their champion. The only way in which a public man can indicate his fitness and willingness to accept support is by making public his views on public questions and his personal views as to his own candidacy. The people demand frankness before anything else. They have had it from Governor Hughes on other accasions when necessary. They expect it now.—Washington Post.

TWINKLINGS.

Only when one has children of his own to bring up does he realize how badly brought up he himself is.—Fliegende Blatter.

—If there was more kissing done at home and less at the depot, life in the married state would have more halos.—Palmyra Items.

—Bolivar—Well, I see that Tammany nominated a straight ticket. Dolliver—H'm! Well, about how long do you think it will keep straight?—Life.

—Knicker—Retrenchment is hard on the poor. Bocker—Yes; when you have to give up your auto the ones who suffer are the chauffeur's friends.—New York Sun.

—The most encouraging thing that has come to the ears of newspaper reporters is the statement from General Booth that when he gets to heaven he expects to be tackled by a lot or reporters.—Nashville Tennesseean.

—Farmer Jones (to amateur hunter)—There wasn't a better water dog livin' until you shootin' gents took to borrowing 'im. Now 'is 'ide's that full of shots, he'd sink to the bottom like a brick!"—The Bystander.

—"Well, well! I'm surprised to hear of Miss Passay being engaged to Mr. Gayman. He's so awfully fast, you know." "Oh, I don't know; apparently he wasn't fast enough to get away from her."—Stray Stories.

Rich Uncle John—Ah, is this one of your children? Agitated Mother—Yes, Uncle John, that's our little Johnnie. Kiss your uncle, dear, and then go and wash your face.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Neighbor—If your statement is true your clothesline was robbed by tramps. Judson—How do you make that out? Neighbor—Didn't you say they took everything but the towels?—Illustrated Bits.

—The woman burglar pleaded that she had been controlled by an "Ethiopian spirit." "Your story," replied the court, "is inconsistent with the facts. You are not accused of having burglarized a henhouse, you know."—New York Press.

First Thought In Danger.

"Talking of the foolish things one thinks about even when in the midst of danger," remarked one of a group the other night, "I had promised my wife never to travel at night, and it is something I have always avoided, but necessity compelled it a few weeks ago, and as luck would have it there was an accident and the cars were derailed. As the one in which I had my berth was rolling down an embankment and I was in the midst of blankets, pillows, grips, etc., the terrible thought flashed across my mind: 'What shall I tell Molly? Here I am traveling at night!'"—Columbus Dispatch.

Burial of Sir John Moore.

The city of Corunna, where Sir John Moore was killed, is a seaport at the entrance to the estuary of the Mero river, 315 miles northwest of Madrid. The famous poem by Charles Wolfe is a misrepresentation of the scene of the burial, for Moore was not buried at night with "our lanterns dimly burning," but in the early morning of a rainy day, and the assemblage of English officers round the grave was dispersed by heavy artillery fire from the French batteries, the gunners mistaking the purpose of the gathering.

Diplomacy.

"John," she said, "I notice that almost everybody is wearing earrings now."

"But, my dear," replied John, "if they had such small and shell-like ears as yours they wouldn't clutter them up that way."

Thus did diplomacy, at least for the moment, stave off a contemplated touch.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Bad Habit.

"No," growled Jigsby, "I don't like that coat at all. I don't want it."

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Vigorous Talk.

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What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?—Eliot.

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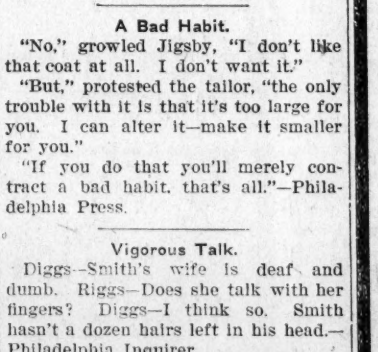

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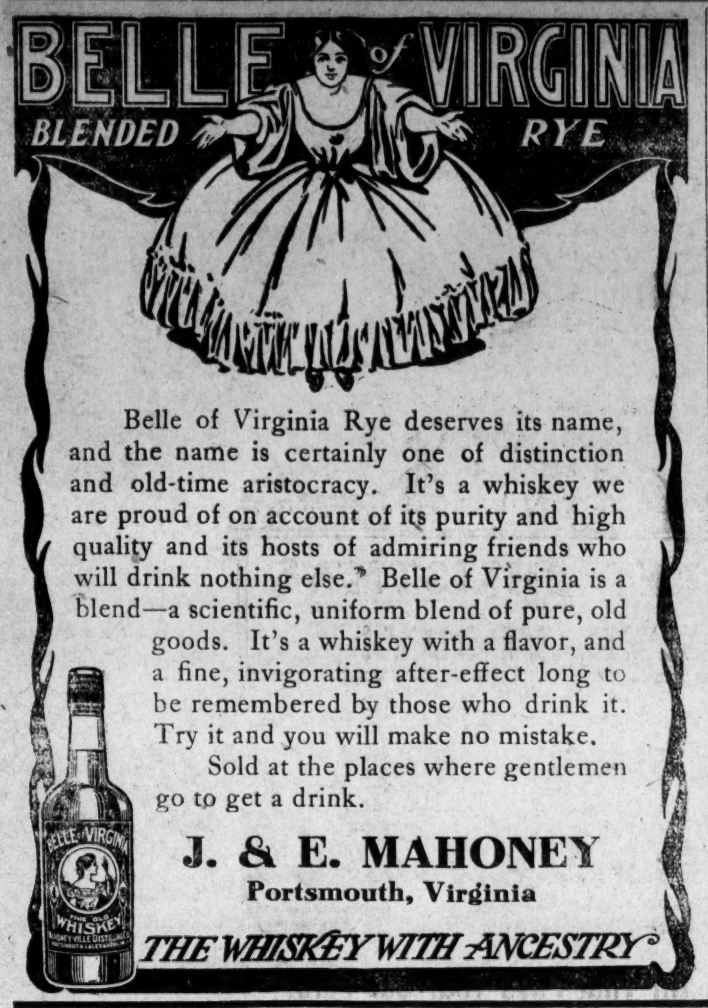

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WHERE IS PROHIBITION

Richmond News Leader Replies to Secretary West of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League—Washington Statistics.

(Richmond News-Leader, 23d)

Secretary West of the Anti-Saloon League, in a brief card printed in The News-Leader on Saturday, seems to us to explode the whole prohibition case. He tells us that as a matter of fact none of the Massachusetts towns classed as prohibition really ever have been so. As we understand him, all of them have had numbers, in proportion to population, of druggists licensed to retail liquors. This means that men instead of standing at bars and taking a drink or two with their friends, buy liquor by the pint or quart and take it into a back room or their own homes and gobble it out of a bottle.

Secretary West rejected Colorado Springs as a prohibition town because druggists there are licensed to sell liquor. He rejected the three cities of Kansas and Portland, Me., because the local authorities, elected every two or four years by the people of those communities, refused to enforce the State prohibition laws. Now he tells us that all the alleged prohibition towns in Massachusetts had druggists licensed to retail. Therefore, where is there on this continent a single prohibition city of 25,000 inhabitants or more showing returns in the census reports, on which seekers after actual facts and impartially collected information may rely? And what becomes of all these sanguine figures about commercial and financial gains, decrease in pauperism and crime and lessening of arrests under prohibition in view of the fact that there has been no actual prohibition anywhere in Massachusetts? In the center of the newspaper district in New York city is an all-night drug store which retails whiskey and is said to have killed more brilliant men and sent more to the crazy ward at Bellevue than every rum shop in the city combined. Drinking drug store liquor at retail, it is no wonder that Massachusetts people furnish the largest percentage of prisoners of any State east of the Rocky Mountains.

By the way, we observe that in the Civic Sentinel, the organ of the Anti-Saloon League, Secretary West continues to speak of the statistics sent out from Washington on which our first article on this subject, "Nuts for Prohibitionists," was bosed as a "fake." Secretary West has unlimited space in The News Leader to discuss this subject and has used five or six columns, ably and courteously. He has proved that the figures alluded to were not sent out by the Census Bureau, but he has failed utterly to prove them to be a "fake." To the contrary, he has been compelled to acknowledge their accuracy. He has impeached their fairness, but the facts seem to show that he himself is so thoroughly possessed with one side of the question that it is impossible for him to be fair or to weigh the merits of the case. Probably his own theory is that there is but one side to it, and the man who begins an argument with that view is not likely to be guided by his judgment or to be judicial in his consideration.

A CLEVER BURGLAR.

How He Fooled a Man Who Thought He Couldn't Be Robbed.

"B. P. Hutchinson used to say no burglar ever could get into his house without waking him," said a central station detective the other day, according to the Chicago Record-Herald, "but it remained for Chief Simon O'Donnell to put one over the famous trader.

"You know, Mr. Hutchinson was famous in Chicago's commercial life years ago and was known popularly as 'Old Hutch.' He prided himself on the fact that burglars never had got into his house and often boasted of the fact to his intimates. One day while he was at lunch with Chief O'Donnell and a number of other friends the company fell to discussing a crime that had been committed the night before.

"'I'd like to see anybody get into my house,' Mr. Hutchinson said. 'Why, I hear every tick of the clock all night.'

"'I'll bet you a dinner for this crowd,' said the chief, 'that I can produce a man who will enter your house and you will not know of his visit till morning.'

"Mr. Hutchinson accepted the wager, and it was agreed that he was to let the chief have a latchkey, so that the burglar could get in without being disturbed by some patrolman. Mr. Hutchinson also agreed to leave some article of value in the parlor where it could be found readily. The chief said the robbery would be committed within the following week.

"Three days later Mr. Hutchinson awoke in the morning and discovered that both sheets of his bed, which had been in place when he retired, were gone. So was a little antique clock he had left on the mantel. He hurriedly dressed and hastened after breakfast to the chief's office. O'Donnell saw him coming and, as he entered the office, greeted him with:

"'Mr. Hutchinson, I have two sheets and a clock that belong to you. We will have the dinner today.'

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Woman's Marked Down Age.

Howell—You have a sister older than yourself, I believe? Powell—She was born first, but she isn't older.—New York Press.

A liar is sooner caught than a cripple.—Spanish proverb.

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Resources:

Loans and Discounts	$609,417 64	
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages	10,000 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	2,246 05	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	110,136 21	
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	50,792 99	
Dividends Unpaid	7.50	
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

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Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n..	4:00 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n..	6:35 A. M.	6:56 P. M.
Ar Maxton ..	7:25 A. M.	7:55 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet ..	8:25 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet ..	8:45 A. M.	9:15 P. M.
Ar. Monroe ..	10:50 A. M.	11:15 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte ..	11:45 A. M.	12:15 A. M.

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Suburban Schedule

(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.)
Daily Except Sunday.

LEAVE Wilmington Eastbound	Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P.M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M 11:25 P M	10:15 P M

Freight Schedule

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).

Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.

Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

LEAVE Wilmington Eastbound	Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
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Friday, December 27, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 27, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, December 26:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 41 degrees; 8 P. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, 2.26.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday 15 feet and receding.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and warmer Friday, Saturday partly cloudy, light to fresh south winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 27.

Sun Rises .. ..7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets .. ..4:52 P. M.
Day's Length .. ..9 hrs. 41 min.
High water at Southport 12:38 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 1:22 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. F. C. Poisson, of London, Eng., is a guest of Mrs. E. P. Bailey, on Ann street.

—Messrs. Frank Cashwell and Kelly Bray, of Fairmont, spent the Christmas holidays in Wilmington with friends.

—Miss Pauline Osborne, who is in college at Greenville, S. C., is in the city to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne.

—Miss Miriam McFadyen, of Clarkton, and Miss Dell Sutton, of Fayetteville, are guests of Miss Keith Covington.

—Mrs. Ira B. Andrews and children, of Savannah, Ga., are guests of Mrs. Andrews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. W. Bonitz.

—Mr. E. A. Grissom, of Southport, spent Tuesday night in the city with his sister, Mrs. Thos. W. Newton, and returned home Wednesday.

—Mr. George Schnibben and family expect to leave this morning for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will spend two or three weeks on a visit.

—Mr. Joe F. Meloche left yesterday morning for Boardman, N. C., where he will repair the mill plant of the Butters Lumber Company, of that place.

—Messrs. A. J. Mitchell and M. M. Gregg left yesterday afternoon for Florence, S. C., to attend a german given there last night by the cotillon club.

—Messrs. John Hill Cronly and Robert Dixon Cronly, of Petersburg, Va., are in the city to spend a few days with their grandmother, Mrs. M. Cronly, on South Third street.

—Mr. J. W. Pruitt, assistant superintendent of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, at Raleigh, is in the city to spend the holidays with him mother, Mrs. H. C. Pruitt.

—Miss Florrie Grant and Messrs. Joe Jacobs and Richard Grant were among a number of Wilmington young people in attendance upon a dance given at Newbern Christmas night.

—Mr. J. C. Stedman, Jr., storekeeper for the Atlantic Coast Line at Charleston, S. C., was in the city yesterday, returning from Elizabethtown, N. C., where he spent the holidays with his mother.

—Mr. Charles G. McMillen, a popular young Wilmingtonian who came up from Panama to spend the Christmas holidays in the city with relatives and friends, left last night for New York whence he will sail a little later for the Isthmus.

—The many friends of Mr. W. F. Alexander, Jr., were pleased to see him here during the holidays on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alexander. He is looking remarkably well and was pleasantly greeted by many in the circle of his acquaintance.

MET SATURDAY NIGHT.

Aldermen Will Pass Upon Applications for Liquor License.

Mayor Springer stated yesterday afternoon that he would issue a call for a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen Saturday night to pass upon applications for renewals of liquor license. The special committee to which the applications are always referred before they are presented to the full Board, have already examined the applications and found them in proper shape, or at least a majority of them. It is expected that all will be in shape by the meeting night. It is not known whether a fight will be made on any of the locations or not.

The Mayor stated that he saw no reason why the waterworks question should come up at this special meeting. So far as the Board is concerned all negotiations for the purchase of the present plant are off and it is expected that the next move will be the arrangements to sell the bonds and proceed with the laying of an entirely new system. It is said that a majority of the Board now favor this and that such action would meet with the approbation of the Water and Sewerage Committee.

EXPERT HORSEMAN HERE.

Mr. George Palmer Will Take String of High Steppers to Train.

Mr. George Palmer, of Savannah, Ga., an expert horseman, who has had years of experience with some of the best stables and some of the fastest circuits in the country, has arrived in the city and for the Wilmington Driving Association has consented to take a string of horses for training in view of the opening of the Spring season on the local track now very soon. Mr. Palmer has arranged to build stables out at the old Fair Grounds track and already has seven fine trotters and pacers which he will put in trim for Wilmington owners within the next sixty days.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Art Department of Sorosis will meet at the residence of the chairman this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

—The British steamer Daleby, 2,335 tons, Capt. Ramsey, arrived yesterday from Tyne, England, and will receive cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. There are now six steamers in port for cargoes, but the staple is coming in very fast in spite of the holidays and already there is almost enough cotton on hand to load all these ships.

—Ed Lloyd, colored, was taxed with the cost in a malicious prosecution which he brought in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday charging Henrietta Wilson and Christine Drake, both colored, with the larceny of something over $4. The evidence was that Lloyd had gone to their house drunk while a corpse was laid out; that he was rowdy and the women had put him to bed to avoid a scene at the coffin. They took a bottle of liquor off his person but no money. He paid the cost and was sharply lectured by the justice for his ingratitude.

AT THE ACADEMY.

Creston Clarke Tonight—Williams Comedy Co. Next Week.

Jules Murry, whose skillful talent as a producer has been often verified will present Mr. Creston Clarke in the powerful American drama called "The Power that Governs," at the Academy tonight.

The play is the work of Adelaide Prince, and she has fitted her husband with a remarkable story of modern American life, each person of the cast, appearing in the principal parts, being types of native born Americans and the whole a reflex of our strenuous life, although the action of the three acts passes in Mexico, among the Sierra Madre Mountains, where one of the pivoted characters has gone for his health. For this powerfully exciting play Mr. Murry has outdone his former efforts and given three scenes of the soft, semi-tropical Mexican skies that tints the bright foliage and illuminates the antique old Spanish houses—unique, yet brilliant landscapes seen nowhere else. Seats are now on sale at Plummer's.

The Williams Comedy Company comes as the New Year's attraction for the Academy of Music, although New Year's day, the local theatre will offer "Along the Kennebec," but the prices of this attraction will not go beyond 75 cents. The Williams Company is a fine popular price attraction and is one that makes a big feature of its specialties. The opening performance will be "Under the Lion's Paw" and seats will go on sale tomorrow morning.

DR. EDWARD PAYSON GEORGE.

Former Resident Here and Highly Esteemed Citizen—Funeral.

The friends of Dr. Edward Payson George, who formerly resided in Wilmington, were shocked to learn yesterday morning from the Charlotte Observer, of December 24th, of his death at Thomaston, Maine, where he has been living for some time past.

Dr. George was born in Grotton, N. H., and when a small boy moved to Charlotte with his parents. He was a man of striking personality and of the highest integrity and beloved by those who knew him best, and an honor to his adopted State of North Carolina. He was for years prominent as a consecrated member of the Presbyterian Church.

He visited Wilmington some months ago and was the guest of a life-long friend, whom he also visited during the Summer at Narragansett, apparently in robust health with the promise of a long and useful life.

For a number of years he resided in Germany, but recently he moved to Thomastown, Maine, the home of his wife, for the purpose of educating his children. A week before his death a small wound, like the sting of an insect, was noticed on one of his hands and it was soon discovered that blood poison had set in, which developed rapidly and ended his life on the 19th of December. With characteristic thoughtfulness and consideration he requested, before he died, that no telegrams or any announcements of his illness or death be sent until after that event and that a letter be then written conveying the news.

FUNERAL OF MRS. KING.

Remains of Victim of Market Street Accident Laid to Rest.

In the presence of a number of sorrowing friends requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the dead was impressively celebrated Christmas afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Father Wm. B. Hannon over the remains of the late Mrs. F. G. King, who lost her life in such distressing manner at the Empire Steam Dye Works, 122 Market street, on Tuesday afternoon. As previously announced Mrs. King succumbed to her injuries at 5 o'clock the same afternoon she was burned. The remains were prepared for burial by Undertaker W. W. King and the following afternoon they were tenderly laid to rest after the services at the church in the Catholic cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. H. K. Holden, J. W. Blomme, G. D. Phares, Robert Sloan, Henry Howard and P. W. Wells.

Funeral of Mrs. Newell.

Impressive funeral services were conducted Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, No. 109 North Third street, over the remains of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Walker Newell, wife of Mr. Lester L. Newell, who passed away Tuesday afternoon. The services were by Rev. J. M. Well, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, assisted by Dr. McClure, of St. Andrews, and the remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were Dr. John C. Wessell, Capt. W. H. Newell, Jr., Messrs. James Bowden, Allie Price, Roland Wright and W. F. Alexander, Jr. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were laid on the casket.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

(Continued from first page.)

young people who indulged in a song service and responsive readings with children's exercises in general and a most pleasing address by Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. There were presents for each and every pupil of the school and the Superintendent, Mr. W. W. Koch, whose services for the past five years have been invaluable, was taken quite by surprise when the school in turn presented to him as a token of their esteem a very handsome silk umbrella with gold handle. The presentation speech was by Rev. Mr. Snyder, who paid a high compliment to the superintendent, whose ability was demonstrated in the beautiful programme rendered by the children, and that too when they had no guiding hand of a pastor to arrange these things for them. Another pleasing little remembrance was in the case of William Pierce, a worthy colored man employed as sexton at the church. He was given a substantial little amount of money from the school. The affair in its entirety was a most creditable one.

Grace Church Christmas Affair.

The annual Christmas entertainment at Grace M. E. Church took the form of a reception in the main auditorium at which gifts were received for the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. Each member of the Sunday School brought substantial offerings and it is safe to say that it will take almost a solid car to carry all the many nice things that were presented for the unfortunate little ones in the grand institution at the State capital. Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor of the congregation, was present and blessed the offerings of the Sunday School while he also made an appropriate little address to his people in connection with the Christmas holidays. The affair, while in no wise spectacular as such things usually are, was a great outpouring of the true Christian generosity at this gladsome season of the year.

Tree by Clarendon Lodge No. 2.

Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, always progressive and enterprising, introduced an innovation with a Christmas tree for their families and friends in Castle Hall, on the third floor of the Murchison National Bank building. The large auditorium was well filled and the hall was most attractively decorated to carry out the holiday idea. There were hundreds of presents from the tree and the little folks were supremely delighted with the affair. Mr. John F. Littleton, that ever faithful and devoted Pythian, gave a clever impersonation of Santa and his visits around among the children was a source of infinite merriment for them. State Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt, who owes his allegiance to Clarendon, was on hand, beautiful and smiling as ever, and presented the gifts from the tree. When "Doc" Nutt did not occupy the centre of interest in the hall and Old Santa was off his job for any length of time, a phonograph was rung in and this machine greatly delighted all the young people. The tree was a success in every particular.

Charity Dispensed Otherwise.

Christmas brought many other forms of charity and gift-giving. Many of the fraternal orders in the city, notably the Elks, were alert to the Christmas spirit on the day of all days and hundreds and hundreds of those upon whom fortune has not smiled so affectionately were most kindly remembered on the occasion.

U. C. T. BANQUET.

Traveling Salesmen Will Feast at Colonial Inn Tonight.

This will be a red letter day for the members and initiates of Cape Fear Council No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, which will conclude with an eloquent banquet tonight at the Colonial Inn, Third and Market streets. Most of the traveling men of the council are in for the holidays and a number of embryo U. C. T.s are in to be introduced to the mysteries of the order, which has grown into such wide popularity all over the United States. All members of Cape Fear Council are asked to meet in the Council Hall over the Murchison National Bank at 10 o'clock this morning for important work and aagin at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for initiatory exercises. "Something Doing" is the word passed around among the traveling men and while the new men are quaking in their boots, the old-liners are chuckling to themselves over the prospects for a lively initiation.

The banquet at the Colonial Inn will begin promptly at 9 o'clock tonight. Mayor William E. Springer has accepted an invitation to be present and deliver the address of welcome. The other part of the programme is pleasing and of infinite variety. The committee on arrangements is composed of Messrs. David Ray, Junius H. Mallard and Lynn H. Burnett and the personnel of this committee is a sufficient guarantee of quite an elegant affair.

Street Car Men Grateful.

The street car conductors and motormen desire to publicly thank Sheriff S. P. Cowan for a kindly remembrance during the Christmas holidays in the form of a number of boxes of good cigars, which were smoked and relished by the men.

DIED.

SCHERER—In this city at the home of his brother, at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, W. J. B. Scherer in the 53rd year of his age. The remains were forwarded to Kellum, Va., at 7:15 o'clock yesterday for interment, after funeral services from home of his brother, No. 405 Chesnut street at 6 o'clock.

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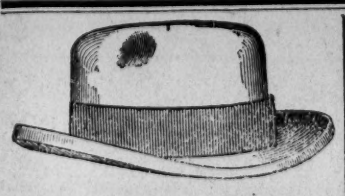

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HIS WOUNDS WERE FATAL.

Old Colored Man Who Was Fired Upon by Chicken Thief in Cemetery.

Harry Howard, 65 years of age, the old colored man employed as a helper about the Bellevue cemetery grounds and who was shot two weeks ago by a chicken thief whom he surprised early one morning as the thief was picking a number of chickens that he had evidently stolen the night before, died Christmas day in the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where he had been for treatment since the shooting. The old man was a faithful employe of the cemetery company and was respected by all who knew him. He was buried yesterday morning in the National Cemetery.

It will be recalled that when the old colored man went to his work in the cemetery on the morning in question, he observed a negro back of the grounds picking chickens. He hailed the intruder to know what he was doing when the thief dropped the chickens, picked up a gun and badly wounded the old man about the head and shoulders. The thief then ran and made good his escape. Suspicion pointed to a notorious chicken thief named Mingo McIntyre, who was only this week surrendered by his bondsman and placed in jail to answer a charge of the larceny of chickens some time ago. The coroner is investigating the matter and McIntyre may later be placed on trial for his life in connection with the shooting of the old man.

AFFRAY AT ABBOTTSBURG

Small Sized Riot at Station on Carolina Central Monday Night.

News reached the city yesterday of quite a serious affair that occurred at Abbottsburg, Bladen county, on the Carolina Central road Monday night. Charlie Bryan, a negro of the community, cut and seriously wounded Sharp Callihan, a young white man about 16 years of age. The trouble started at the station when Mr. C. W. Callihan, who had been to this city, was telling about the loss of his trunk. The Bryan negro had been drinking and dipped in with some insulting remark. He was slapped by Mr. Callihan for his impudence. Mr. Callihan's three sons who came to the station to meet him, ran up and the fight became general among the whites and colored collected at the depot about train time. After the fight the negroes are reported to have armed themselves and attempted to block the public highway but were dispersed by the whites and two of their number placed in jail. Young Callihan, who was cut in the head and back, was reported as doing very well at last accounts.

Statement as to Arrest.

In connection with the arrest and subsequent escape of a prisoner at Front and Market streets Christmas eve, Officer E. H. Dement says there was a mistake in the account of the trouble as it appears in the Star; that the reason he did not try to use his club was that at the time the prisoner was resisting some one tripped him and he fell and that later the crowd pulled him away by his coat, jumping in between him and Officer George, who was engaged with the man. He says furthermore that it is a mistake that Officer George had to call upon him to assist in making the arrest; that he was standing on the other side of the street and a citizen told him of the trouble across the street and he hurried over to his fellow officer's assistance.

WILL DO HIS DUTY.

Attorney General Bonaparte Says He Can be Depended Upon for That.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—Attorney General Bonaparte stated today that, while Chicago recently he had been asked by some members of the press what were the causes, in his opinion, of the recent panic and present hard times, and that he had replied that he could not speak with any authority as to the cause, but could speak rather feelingly as to some consequences inasmuch as certain incidents indirectly caused by the hard times had led to his losing considerable money.

The Attorney General added that this statement had not seemed to him in any wise jocular, but apparently had so impressed some of his hearers, since he found himself accused the next morning by one Chicago paper of treating a "great national calamity with unfeeling and unbecoming levity connection with all good people" added the attorney general, I sincerely hope that the hard times may soon end and may be followed by a long period of business prosperity upon a basis of sound and conservative financial management and strict obedience to the law on the part of those entrusted with the direction of our great industrial and commercial enterprises. It is not within my province to suggest measures of legislation and administration which may promote these ends, but I can promise a thorough-going, impartial and inflexible enforcement of all the laws, which it is the duty of this department to enforce to the extent of its ability and resources."

VIRGINIA EDITOR DEAD.

James Scott Moore Founded One Paper and Edited Others.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Lexington, Va., Dec. 26.—James Scott Moore, one of the founders of the Rock Bridge County News, and recently one of the proprietors of the Lexington Gazette, died at his home here this morning, aged 63 years. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with Masonic ceremonies.

Mr. Moore was born July 23, 1844, near Lexington. He was descended from Revolutionary ancestry, his maternal great father being Captain Buster, an intimate friends of Thomas Jefferson.

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WILL CURTAIL PRODUCTION.

New England Cotton Mill Men Have Definitely Decided to Do This.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Boston, Mass. Dec. 26.—The Arkwright Club, which represents the cotton mill interests of New England at a meeting here today formally voted to curtail production 25 per cent. between now and March 1st, in order to relieve conditions in the cloth markets of New York, Chicago, Boston and other large centers. It was stated several days ago that a committee appointed by the club to canvass the situation among the mills had found sufficient sentiment to insure the success of the curtailment plan and that a restriction of production was regarded as a certainty.

The cotton mills of New England employ 185,000 persons under normal conditions and it is expected that at least 150,000 will be affected by the short time. The curtailment agreement became operative today, although numerous mills have been shut down since Tuesday night.

The agreement will affect a large majority of Fall River cloth mills, the fine goods mills of New Bedford, the Amoskeag Corporation of Manchester, employing 13,000 hands, and most of the other New Hampshire factories, the York corporation of Saco, Maine; Pepperill Mills of Biddeford, the mills of Lewiston, Waterville, Brunswick and other Maine points, those in Lowell, employing 20,000; Lawrence, Holyoke and Chicopee, Mass, and mills controlled by large Rhode Island interests.

The mills in Thorndike, Barnville, Beaver, Ware and Warren, Mass., and Greenville and New Opswich, N. H., controlled by Bliss Fabyan and Company of New York and Boston, adopted a short time policy a month ago, as did the Monadnock mills of Claremont, N. H. These and some other concerns will reach the end of their curtailment policy before the factories in the large centres.

More than 80 per cent of spindles in New England are represented in the agreement. The majority of the mills will run four days during January and February, closing Thursday nights, thus including Saturday.

Mills with contracts calling for delivery during the Winter are at liberty to reduce their production 25 per cent. partially before March 1, and the remainder after that date. The method of reduction is left largely to the discretion of the managers.

According to some of the officers of the textile unions, the operatives prefer to work four days a week rather than be continuously idle for a period of nearly three weeks.

The curtailment movement originated in New York commission houses, which feared a congestion of goods and falling prices in the Spring, if the mills continued to operate in full all Winter.

Otis Pearce, President of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association, in an interview today said that in his opinion New Bedford would be affected by the 25 per cent. curtailment in production inaugurated by the manufacturers of New England. Mr. Pearce stated that no date had been fixed for the curtailment, but that it was to be left optional with the several manufacturers.

DEWEY'S BIRTHDAY

They Drink Wine From George Washington's Old Decanter.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey is 70 years old today. He is in splendid health and robust in physique. As is his custom, he spent the morning at his office with the exception of an hour when he attended a meeting of the Naval Relief Association of which he is President.

Numerous officers of the Navy and Army and other friends called on him at his office and later at his home.

Among the Admiral's callers today were a number of those who attended the birthday dinner last week. During their conversation they recalled a very happy toast which the President proposed when they drank to the health of the Admiral. It was as follows:

"To the man who has done more for, and reflected greater glory on America than any other man now living."

The toast met with a hearty response from those surrounding the Admiral's table.

Admiral Dewey is President of the General Board of the Navy and when he reached his office today an immense floral piece of poinsettas was presented to him by its members and by the officers associated with the Board.

A token which Admiral Dewey appreciates a great deal came to him Christmas day. It was from the widow of the late Captain Nathan Sargent, who has been associated with him at various times and who at the time of his death more than a month ago, was a member of the general board. Mrs. Sargent sent to the Admiral one of her husband's scarf pins within a device of a figure eight and containing ruby and diamond settings.. The Admiral had many times noticed it pinned to the neck tie of his brother officer and always had admired it a great deal.

At the meeting of the Naval Relief Association the Admiral was presented with two handsome silver ink wells with a pen tray. Former Surgeon General VanReypen of the Navy made the presentation speech. The health of the Admiral was drunk from a decanter containing old Maderia wine of the vintage of 1847. The decanter was formerly the property of George Washington, and in his presentation speech General VanReypen said it was eminently fitting that the health "of the other George, whom we all love, should be drunk from the same decanter."

Yesterday was the date of the expiration of most of the sixty day withdrawal notices required by the Savings banks in New York at the height of the panic in October, but scarcely a depositor called for his money. The banks expected few demands as they were convinced the feeling of financial unrest was practically over. In most cases today's withdrawals were more than offset by deposits.

WARM WIRELETS.

Ben Edwards, a Russell county Alabama, Ga., merchant was shot and killed by Roscoe E. Gentry, a farmer of that county, while the two were riding in a buggy from Hatchechubbee to Uchee, Ala., last night. There were no witnesses to the tragedy and the cause is unknown. They had been very close friends.

Steamship Inspectors Bray and Tapley at Norfolk, Va., yesterday found Henry Wobbe first assistant engineer of the naval collier Brutus guilty of misconduct for deserting his post, but imposed only a reprimand, because of extenuating circumstances. Wobbe, it seems, is a merchant engineer, employed in the service and quit because of some violation of union rules to which his attention had been directed.

Chief of Police James Merriman, of Birmingham, Ala., yesterday shot and probably fatally wounded Jim Andriff, a Macedonian, while the latter was resisting arrest. Andriff was arrested by the chief and on the way to the station became unruly and when the chief drew his pistol Andreiff seized it. In the struggle the pistol was discharged the ball passing through Andreiff's neck causing paralysis.

Dr. Joseph F. Piesen, a Department Superintendent employed by a Chicago packing firm and regarded as a leading authority on lockjaw, died last night of the disease resulting from a fracture of the nose which occurred a week ago. Dr. Pieson fell down a stairway in the laboratory of the packing plant. The skin over the nose was broken and the wound became infected with tetanus germs. On Christmas eve the physician was stricken with lockjaw. He diagnosed his own case and with the aid or pencil and paper directed his family to send him to a hospital. He then sent for a lawyer and made his will. During his illness he constantly joined with the hospital physicians in their consultations and gave it as his opinion several days ago that he could not recover. The immediate cause of death was said to be heart failure following a convulsion.

NAN SMITH WAS LEAKING.

Had a Load of Coal for Battleship Fleet but Turned Back.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—Following a heavy gale encountered, discovering that her hold contained water and that its depth was slowly increasing, despite the use or the ordinary pumps the steamer Nan Smith, which left Baltimore Saturday loaded with coal for the fleet, to be delivered at San Francisco, returned to Hampton Roads today, going direct to the Newport News shipyard.

The vessel was 250 miles South of the gulf stream and the skipper reports that the gale on Monday was one of the severest he ever encountered.

Plate bolts on the bottom of the vessel gave way causing the leak. The commander deemed it wise to return to the Roads for repairs gefore attempting the long voyage. It is declared that the cargo of coal has not been inpured. The ship will be docked at once.

SCHOOLMASTERS AND MARMS

A Big Convention Has Convened in Lexington, Kentucky.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 26.—Delegates are arriving here on every train from all over the South to attend the eighteenth annual meeting of the Southern Educational Association.

Sessions began tonight at the State College and will continue Friday and Saturday.

Many speakers of national reputation are present.

Addresses of welcome were made tonight by President Patterson of the State College of Kentucky, Congressman W. P. Kimball and Superintendent M. A. Cassidy, of Lexington.

Responses were made by Septerintendent S. A. Minders, of Knoxville, Tenn., and President G. R. Glenn, of Dahlone, Ga., followed by the annual address by the president of the southern association R. G. Tighe, of Asheville, N. C.

NEGRO YOUTH LYNCHED

Found a Man in the Room Where Young Lady Usually Slept.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Marques, Texas, Dec. 26.—Anderson Galloway, a negro youth was taken from the county jail here last night and hanged to a nearby tree.

Early Christmas morning the negro forced an entrance into the residence of W. J. Dean, a farmer, living two miles out of town, and made his way to the room usually occupied by Miss Buchanan, a grand daughter of Dean, but on this night occupied by a neighbor's son.

The negro's movements awakened the boy, who recognized him.

The negro fled but was later arrested. No guard was placed at the jail building as there was no evidence of violence. Last night he was taken from the prison and after making a confession was hanged. The body is still hanging tonight.

CARNIVAL SEASON OPENS.

From Now On All Will be Gay at New Orleans.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—The Winter opera, which for more than 100 years has been the opener of the Carnival Season in New Orleans began tonight.

At the French Opera House, a troupe of opera singers, the Milan Grand Opera company began a two months' season with Puccinis La Tosca. Many Northern visitors to the city witnessed the opening.

Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Woolever, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are every troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Cures every sore, wound, burn or abrasion. 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

FIFTY TORPEDO BOATS.

And All Kinds of Submarine Craft Will Get Together.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Newport, R. I. Dec. 26.—The mobilization of the largest fleet of torpedo boats, torpedo boat destroyers and submarine torpedo boats in the history of the American navy, will take place in Narragansett Bay in the Spring and Summer og 1908, according to information gained here today.

The fleet will be in command of Commander Charles G. Marsh, who will have under his direction about fifty torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, and the first and second flotillas of submarines. The little vessels will go through an elaborate series of drills, both day and night and it is expected that much valuable data will be obtained.

A GHOST STORY.

The Crowd of Phantoms That Dazed Three Young Women.

An experience wherein phantoms presented themselves to view in prodigious numbers simultaneously is related by a young lady whose name, at her request, is withheld, the narrative being indorsed by her sister, who was with her at the time. She writes:

"One autumn night my sister and myself, with our maid, were returning from evening service in the village church. There was a thick fog. The moon was full, but it made a sort of steam in the fog instead of shining brightly. Suddenly I saw a man at my sister's side, who had come there without making a sound. I pulled her sleeve, whispering, 'Let the man pass.' As I spoke the man disappeared.

"In another moment we were all bewildered at the sight around us. It was as if we were in a crowded street, innumerable figures surrounding us. Men, women and children were moving briskly about, some singly, others in groups, but all without a sound. Some seemed to rise out of the grass on either side of us and to come out on the other side. The women were dressed in bygone fashion, with high bonnets and shawls and large flounces on their dresses.

"There was one very tall man who took great strides, though perfectly motionless. We approached our own gate, where we should turn in, and then we had a long driveway to walk up before we could reach the house. I think that by the time we had reached the gate all the figures had disappeared except this one tall man. He had quite a different look from any of the others—more horrible altogether. As we entered our gate, to our intense relief, he passed by along the road and vanished. Of course we were all very frightened. The maid and my sister were crying aloud."

In a case like this, where the same spectral phenomena are witnessed by several persons, the value of the testimony obviously is multiplied a hundredfold, for, while one individual may be a victim of a hallucination, such an illusion can hardly be shared by many. What, then, is to be said in answer to such evidence, furnished by deponents of unimpeachable character and reputation for truthfulness? To suppose that they are combining in the manufacture of a lie is scarcely reasonable. —Joseph M. Rogers in Lippincott's.

The Invention of Armor.

The idea of the invention of armor for the protection of the body from weapons came from the ancients, who, noticing the natural armor of various kinds of animals, particularly the armadillo, imitated it. In early times before metal was used in armor making the warriors used rough hides of several thicknesses, and the first armor ever worn was made from slices taken from the hoofs of horses and fastened together with pegs. Fish scales and the scales of large snakes were also gathered and fastened together until they formed a thick layer and were used as armor. The armor of the middle ages was a continuation of the ancient kind, made in the form of scales of iron or steel. Certain kinds of mail used in early times in England were copied from the shells of crabs and lobsters.—Minneapolis Journal.

SUGAR MAKING.

The Hindoos Probably Learned the Art From the Chinese.

The Chinese, who invented almost everything before anybody else heard of it, claim to be the original discoverers of the process of sugar making, and it is said that sugar was used in China as long ago as 3,000 years. This is misty, but the fact is well established that it was manufactured in China under the Tsin dynasty 200 years at least before the Christian era began.

India has put forward a claim for priority of invention, but the probability is that the Hindoos learned the art of sugar making from the Chinese and that through them the knowledge finally spread to the western nations. Nearchus, when sent by Alexander on an exploring voyage on the Indus, brought back reports of "honey" which was made by the Asiatics from cane without the help of bees.

At this time neither the Greeks nor the Jews nor the Babylonians had any knowledge of sugar, but later the art of making the artificial "honey" became known and practiced, though its progress and development were exceedingly slow. It was prescribed as a medicine by Galen in A. D. 150, and up to the seventeenth century it had become nothing more than a costly luxury, to be used only on special occasions. Even as late as the beginning of the eighteenth century the annual consumption of sugar in Great Britain had reached only 20,000,000 pounds, whereas it is now more than 2,000,000,000 pounds.

Refined sugar was not made in England till 1659. The art of refining was learned by a Venetian merchant from the Saracens, who sold the secret to him for 100,000 crowns.

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A NEW YEAR'S DINNER—You can get hog jowl and peas at Baggett Brothers. Phone 173. No. 113 South Front street. de 27-1t

LOST—On Market street, between Eighth and Seventeenth, a gold double-case watch, without crystal, and fob with initials "L. F. J." Return to Star office. de 27-1t*

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35TH SERIES—Mechanics' Home Association, opens January 4th, 1908. How many shares do you want? Walker Taylor, President; W. M. Cumming, Treasurer. de 27-2t

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FOR SALE—Cotton gin, grist mill, land, store and stock of goods at Kelly's, on Cape Fear river; fine location for business; cash or on time; also land, store house and stock of goods at Council's, N. C. For further information address A. G. Holmes, Council's, N. C. dec 20 fri su tue thu 4t

WANTED—For U. S. Army: able-bodied unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 101 Princess st., Wilmington, N. C. au 15 to de 31

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THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

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Seats on sale Thursday at Plummer's. Scale to $1.50.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the cause of Ralph M. Harrelson, Administrator of Joseph Todd, deceased, versus Helen M. Todd et al, the undersigned Commissioner appointed by said decree will sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, on Saturday, January 25th, 1908, at twelve o'clock M., at the Court House door of said County, in the City of Wilmington, the following described lot of land in said City: Beginning in the Eastern line of Ninth street 154 feet South of the Southern line of Castle street; runs thence Southwardly along Ninth street 44 1-2 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Castle street 70 feet; thence Northwardly 44 1-2 feet; thence Westwardly 70 feet to the beginning, being part of Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 81.

WM. M. BELLAMY,
dec 25 30d Commissioner.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Oxford, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mr. J. T. Britt has sold the Public Ledger to Mr. Frank M. Pennix, who will assume control of the editorial department. Mr. Britt has edited the Public Ledger for over thirty years, and has made a host of friends. Mr. F. M. Pennix, formerly of Lexington, has resided in Oxford for the past ten years, and is one of Oxford's most talented and popular young men.

—Statesville, Dec. 26.—The volunteer firemen of Statesville have presented to Captain W. T. Rowland a handsome set of silverware in recognition and appreciation of services rendered the firemen in connection with the Everybody's Day celebrations, given for the benefit of the firemen. The gift was presented to Captain Rowland while he was here between trains Saturday, at Henry's jewelry store.

—Mount Airy, N. C., Dec. 26.—Montgomery, the man who assassinated Robert Snow, the inoffensive colored man, four or five weeks ago near this city, has been arrested and lodged in jail. He will have rough sailing when the trial comes up, as it is known that no more heinous crime was ever committed in this country. The man, Willis, who was with Montgomery when he killed Snow, has not been captured at this writing.

—Asheville, Dec. 26.—An agreement has been reached between creditors of H. Patterson, the Hendersonville and Brevard bankrupt, and the bankrupt's attorneys, whereby the creditors are to receive 50 cents on the dollar. The agreement of compromise was arrived at at a conference of Referee Thomas and creditors and attorneys. Patterson is a Roumanian who recently failed. He had stores at both Brevard and Hendersonville with liabilities aggregating nearly $30,000. His creditors numbered nearly one hundred, several of whom were in North Carolina, the majority, however, in Tennessee.

—Salisbury, Dec. 26.—The close of the Christmas Eve period shows every dry section well supplied and the greatest whiskey business of many years anywhere in the State, done and well done from the standpoint of the dealer. No such quantity or the liquid joy ever went away from Salisbury and the trains have as a rule carried sober men away from here. Last year it was not unusual for a man to come here, get drunk and pinched before he could move away. Then when he emerged from the lockup, he found the train schedules so demoralized that he got drunk again. This year the trains have run well and the spirit of Christmas is somewhat that "If I git drunk you must not keer" sort.

—Norwood, Dec. 25.—Last night between 7 and 10 o'clock robbers broke into the Southern Railway depot here and stole $200 in change. The money was for the Bank of Norwood, but for some reason had not been removed yesterday evening. Mr. J. V. Barringer, in locking up the office last night, forgot the money till he was in bed at 10 o'clock. He then arose hastily and returned to the depot, only to find the office doors open and the money, with four gallons of whiskey, gone. Bloodhounds were ordered at once, reaching here from Albemarle about 3 A. M., but were unable to strike any trail. No clues as to the burglar have as yet been obtained, though two persons are under suspicion.

—Charlotte Observer: Assistant Chief W. S. Charles, of the city fire department had the misfortune yesterday morning to break his arm while engaged in putting out a fire at the home of Mr. C. E. Culpepper, on West Fifth street. Assistant Chief Charles had just climbed up on the porch roof in order to more effectively to get at the fire, when he slipped and fell. Those who had helped him up caught him by the legs as he toppled over and he struck the ground on his right arm and back. The heavy bone connecting the elbow and shoulder was broken, the injury not only being a very painful but a serious one so far as healing is concerned. Mr. Charles was carried immediately to the Presbyterian Hospital, where his wound was dressed and the limb set. He was removed to his home, corner of Fifth and College streets, at noon.

—Durham, N. C, Dec. 26.—The board of aldermen of this icty have adopted an ordinance that all mid-wives shall register, and that all births shall be registered. The ordiance as passed says that all mid-wves and those engaged in this vocation shall register with the city health officer in a book that is to be kept for this purpose. This registration must be by or before January 15, and then thereafter as the practice continues. Another law that was passed by the board is that all such mid-wives, physicians and others who shall assist at a birth or know of a birth shall report the same to the health officer within ten days and such birth shall be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose. In this report shall be given the names of the parents, the name of the child, if there is a name, and the street on which the birth occurred. All will go to make up a complete history of the child. Any physician or other person who does not comply with this requirement will be fined $5 for each and every offense.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

A Stain Washed Away.

[Original.]

John Clough sat smoking his pipe before a fire of blazing logs, while his wife cleared the supper table. The door opened, and a youngster of seventeen, clad in the army blue of 1861-65, pale and emaciated, staggered in. The woman flew to him, caught him as he was about to fall and held him tightly clasped in her arms. The man arose and stood regarding the boy with a look of mingled pain and severity.

"Sick leave, Johnny?" he asked.

"No, father," faltered the young soldier. "I couldn't get a sick leave. It was a chance for life with me if I came and certain death with me if I stayed there. The surgeon knew it, and yet he wouldn't recommend me for a furlough."

Without a word the father returned to his seat before the fire. The mother supported her boy to an adjoining room; he sank upon a bed, and she bent over him and kissed him again and again.

John Clough still sat motionless and in silence. He knew that in leaving the front without permission his boy had deserted and that desertion was punishable with death. And this vision the man saw in the flames:

A little child toddled toward him with outstretched arms as he came home. The same child was going to his first school. His mother and father kissed him and followed him with their eyes till he came to a bend in the road, when he turned and waved his hand to them. Again as a half grown boy he was reading by that same firelight "Robinson Crusoe" and "Swiss Family Robinson." Recently passing from boyhood to youth, he had gone for a soldier.

And now the father sees another sight—his boy disgraced, kneeling beside his coffin, about to be shot for desertion.

An hour passed. The wife and mother looked into the room where John Clough sat and saw him still meek and motionless. Going to him, she bent over him and whispered:

"He's little more than a child, John."

"It's the consequences of his act," moaned the father. "They take lads for war and place them where mature men find it hard to stand."

Returning to the invalid, the woman laid her hand on his burning forehead.

"Does father blame me?" he asked, rising.

"No, dear boy, but"—

"Yes, yes." And he fell back on his pillow.

When midnight came the woman looked in where she had left her husband. He had gone.

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The army had been fighting for ten consecutive days when one morning a man quite old enough to be exempt from military service reported at the headquarters of the general commanding under the name of John Clough. He admitted that he had deserted from a regiment that had since been transferred to another field. He found the general in a bad humor. There had been many cases of desertion. His presented an opportunity for an example. He was tried and sentenced to be shot.

At this time the Army of the Potomac descended from the heights on the northern bank of the Rappahannock, laid their pontoons, crossed and commenced a march over a gently sloping plain to the heights a mile away, where the Confederates were ready with their artillery to sweep them as they advanced. Some got halfway, a less number nearly reached the objective point, while a few remnants of regiments marched to the guns. Those who lived went back again.

"Who is that man?" asked the general, watching a private soldier who had rallied the remnant of a regiment and turned its face toward the enemy.

"He was to have been shot for desertion. The fight coming on, he took his place in the ranks."

"He shall be a colonel," muttered the general as he galloped to another part of the field.

When a few years later Colonel Clough returned to his home he found a mound in the churchyard that covered his son. The father put a headstone over it on which was this inscription:

JOHN CLOUGH.
Died, aged seventeen years and ten months, of wounds received in battle.
A private soldier, he rallied a regiment.

John Clough's commander one day called to see his old subordinate. Colonel Clough was not at home, but the general was told that he visited the churchyard every day and would be found there. Thither the general went and saw his old comrade standing over a grave. Approaching, uncovered, he stood behind the colonel and read the inscription. Surprised, he looked at his comrade for an explanation. Colonel Clough spoke:

"He who lies there was a boy. He ran away and enlisted under the required age. Too young to fully weigh the consequences, he committed an act which soldiers in the face of an enemy punish with death. I suffered the sentence in his stead. The penalty was never inflicted. The act described on the stone above his grave I did for him and in his name. I could never have done it except for my love for him, and the deed is mine to give him in expiation of his fault."

The two veterans are now white bearded companions who often meet and talk over the days when men were marred or made heroes in a twinkling. The general never speaks to the colonel of his rallying a regiment at Fredericksburg except as "that heroic act which should make your son's name shine resplendent among brave deeds forever." F. A. MITCHEL.

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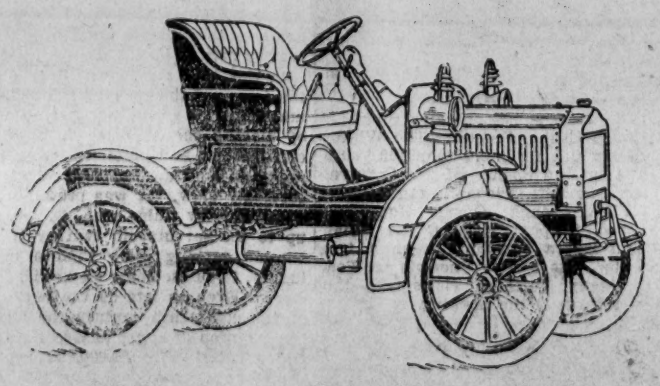

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STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$	669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securties, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Specie $84,740 75	Bank, viz:	
Legal tender notes 61,860 00		146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in	$	125,000 00
Surplus fund		125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding		125,000 00
Due to other national Banks		66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers		107,089 94
Dividends unpaid		873 00
Individual deposits subject to check		721,600 30
Certified checks		40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding		11,225 25
United States deposits		50,000 00
Total		$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

D. McEACHERN,
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NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:25 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN ILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady $3.70; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35, $4.50; $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 20
Rosin 274
Tar 74
Crude Turpentine 51

Receipts same day last year 2 casks spirits turpentine; 14 barrels rosin; 39 barrels tar; 66 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 10 13-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—3,354 bales, same day last year 1,079 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—The only activity noticeable in the dry goods market today was in the jobbing houses where the year end clearing sales were held. They will be continued for the balance of the week. The local raw silk market was quiet but considerable uneasiness is reported in Japan over the monetary situation and the silk men there have appeared to the government for financial aid. Mens wear woolens are quiet on the eve of the opening for Fall 1908.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—The money situation continued to manifest its influence today by keeping down the volume of transactions in stocks rather than by any notable depression in prices.

The market was so nearly a point of stagnation that there was little demand for loans on calls and the quoted rate was unaffected in a degree to correspond. The renewal rate was well maintained, however. The extension of the holiday in the London market through today took off a portion of the usual dealings and aggravated the dullness of the market. Aside from the immediate course of the money market there is a persisbence of some anxiety over the working out of the commercial situation of over the end of the year. The incidents were few. Hopes of easier money were kpet up by the intention of the Treasury Department to make the pending withdrawals of government deposits from western banks, rather than from all in proportion owing to the indications of hoarding of cash by interior banks in the returns to the controller's office. There was no official sanction for this report. There was a strong re-bound in the foreign exchange market the rate for cable transfers especially reflecting the belated demand for remittance in time for the year and necessities. Railroad earnings in general were under discussion and the prospect of their decline was a main factor in the heavy tone of the whole list. The stock market was practically in a state of suspension animation during the latter part of the day and prices yielded up to the closing. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $870,000. United States 2s advanced 1-2 per cent. on call. Total sales of stocks today were 249,500 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Money on call firm, 6 to 18 per cent., ruling rate 18; closing bid 8; offered at 11. Time loans dull but firm, sixty days 12 to 15 and ninety days 10 to 12; six months 7 to 8. Prime mercantile paper 6 to 7 1-2 to 8 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 to 4.8510 for demand and at 4.7950 to 4.7965 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.79. Bar silver 52 3-4. Mexican dollars 41.

New York Bonds.

U. S. Refunding 2s reg.	105
U. S. Refunding 2s cou.	105 1-2
U. S. 3s reg.	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou.	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg.	119
U. S. new 4s cou.	119
American Tobacco Co. 4s	59 3-4
American Tobacco Co 6s	95
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	86
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	96
L. & N. Unified 4s	95 1-4
Seaboard Air Line 4s	65
Southern Railway 5s	94
U. S. Steel 5s	84

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	45
American Car Foundry	29 1-4
Amr. Car Foundry pfd	86
American Cotton Oil Co.	28
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	70
American Locomotive	45 3-4
American Smelting & Ref.	71
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	89 1-2
American Sugar Refining	96 7-8
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	98 7-8
Atchison	69 3-4
Atchison pfd	85
Atlantic Coast Line	65 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	82 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	80 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	29 1-2
Kansas City Southern	24
Kansas City Southern pfd	52
L. & N.	91 1-2
New York Central	90 1-4
Norfolk & Western	64
Norfolk & Western pfd	72@71
Pennsylvania	111 3-8
People's Gas	55@61
Reading	94 1-8
Reading 2nd pfd	74
Rock Island Co	14 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	29
Southern Pacific	72 7-8
Southern Pacific pfd	108 1-4
Southern Railway	12 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	36
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	25 1-2
U. S. Steel pfd	87 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical	16
Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd	86@90
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	435
Western Union	54

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Flour dull but firmly held.

Rye flour, Buckwheat flour and Corn meal—Steady.

Rye—Firm.

Wheat—Spit firm; No. 2 red 1.07 1-8 elevator. Options 1 to 1 1-8c net higher. December 1.08 7-8; July 1.06 5-8.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 72 elevator. Options 1-8 to 3-4c net higher. May 67 1-8.

Oats—Spot easy; mixed 54.

Lard—Firm.

Pork and tallow—Steady.

Rice and Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05. Refined quiet.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Steady.

Eggs—Barely steady; nearby selected white 35 to 38; good to choice 30 to 34; brown and mixed fancy 32; average best 30; first to extra first 28 to 29.

Coffee—Market, holiday.

Freights to Liverpool, easy; grain by steam 2 1-4d.

Peanuts—Quiet, unchanged.

Potatoes—Weak; Maine per sack 1.72 to 2.15.

Cabbages—Dull.

Cotton seed oil was steady with a light trade in futures. Prime crude 29 to 29 1-2; prime summer yellow 37 1-2 to 38; off summer yellow 37 1-4 to 38; good off summer yellow 37 to 38 1-4; prime white 38 to 40; prime winter yellow 48 to 54.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Wheat on the local exchange advanced more than 1 cent today, because of fresh reports of a scarcity of wheat in the northwest. At the close wheat for May delivery was up 1 1-8. Corn was up 3-8c. Oats were 3-8c higher. Provisions were a shade to 7 1-2 higher.

Leading features closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 99 3-4; May 1.07 to 1.07 1-8; July 99 1-4.

Corn—Dec. 57 3-4; May 58 3-8 to 58 1-2; July 57 3-8 to 57 1-2.

Oats—May, old 53 1-2; May, new 52 to 52 1-8; July, old 47 7-8; July, new 45 3-4.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—Jan. 12.47; May 13.07.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 7.65; May 7.80.

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—JaJn. 6.67; May 7.05.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, firm; No. 2 spring wheat, 1.08 to 1.10; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.08; No. 2 red, 99 1-2 to 1.00; No. 2 corn, 58 1-2 to 59; No. 2 yellow, 62 1-2 to 63; No. 2 oats, 48 1-8; No. 3 white, 46 to 50; No. 2 rye, 58; fair to choice malting, 88 to 95; No. 1 northwestern, 1.16 1-2; prime timothy seed, 4.30 to 4.35; clover, contract grades, 16.50; short ribs, sides (loose), 6.50 to 7.12 1-2; mess pork, per barrel, 12.00 to 12.12 1-1; lard, per 100 pounds, 7.75 to 7.80; short clear sides (boxed), 7.00 to 7.25; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Roson, quiet; turpentine quiet at 44 1-2.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 26.—Turpentine and rosin nothing doing, quotations omitted.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 26.—Turpentine firm, 40 1-2; sales, 343; receipts, 520; shipments, 110.

Rosin, firm; sales 1,816; receipts 3,084; shipments 2,456; stocks 115,835. Quote: A. B. C. 2.70 to 2.80; D, 2.70 to 2.80; E, 2.70 to 2.90; F, 2.85 to 2.90; G, 2.85 to 2.90; H, 2.90; I, 3.45; K, 4.-50; M, 5.25; N, 6.00; WG, and WW, 6.000.

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Br. steamer Daleby, 2,353 tons, Ramsey, Tyne, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 26, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—386 bales cotton, 17 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—404 bales cotton, 7 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—2,147 bales cotton, 4 barrels rosin, 23 barrels tar, 43 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—266 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 25 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—124 bales cotton, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—14 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 2 barrels tar.

Str. Lyon—27 bales cotton, 170 barrels rosin.

Total—3,354 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 274 barrels rosin, 74 barrels tar, 51 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Daleby (Br.), 2,353 tons, Ramsey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Silver Wings (Br.) 1,826 tons, Morgan, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Ness, (Br.), 1,963 tons, Page, Heide & Co.

Arroyo, (Br.), 2,307 tons, Clough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Dacre Hill, (Br.) 1,714 tons, Kendall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Byglands, (Nor.) 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.

Lord Derby, (Br.), 2,401 tons, Henrickson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

BOUGHT BIG SAFES.

The Way Jay Gould Brought an Express Company to Terms.

Recalling early days in the express business, an officer of one of the largest companies told this story of Jay Gould:

"Gould and Fisk then had hold of the Erie," he said, "and the United States Express company had all the express business on the road. The contract was about to expire, and Gould wanted an arrangement more profitable to the Erie.

" 'The Erie's doing all the work and you're making all the money,' Gould said to the express people. You ought to do some of the work and give the railroad a chance at the money.'

"The express company officials demurred. Their profit, they insisted, was no more than they were entitled to, and they refused to shade the contract a penny. Gould insisted on a decrease, but they remained obdurate and eventually let the Erie president understand—what he very well knew—that no other company would compete against the United States for the Erie business. All the companies at that time were in an agreement to maintain rates.

" 'All right,' said Gould at the conclusion of the interview, 'you've no objection, I guess, to my going into the express business for myself. It looks better than railroading.'

"The express people replied that Gould could organize all the companies he wanted to. They thought it was all bluff, but things that came to their attention soon weakened their faith in this idea. Gould was going around among his associates talking up an express company scheme, officials of other roads were told that a new company would be in the field to bid for their business, and the papers began to talk about the new Gould express company.

"The express officials, however, saw none of Gould's money going into the enterprise and stood pat. Presently it was reported that he had bought twenty-four big express safes. Was this talk or was it business? the express men asked themselves. They set to work investigating, and they discovered that the report was true. Gould had actually bought and paid for the safes—safes cost money in those days, too—and he was negotiating for all the other equipment required.

"Now, thoroughly convinced of Gould's sincerity, the express company came to terms. Gould got the best contract from a railroad standpoint that had been known up to that time. The clause in the contract that the United States Express company considered most valuable to itself was one stipulating the abandonment of Gould's express plans.

"It was all a bluff on Gould's part except buying the safes. For that matter the purchase was, of course, part of the bluff, but Gould had actually bought and paid for them unconditionally. Nevertheless he lost nothing on the deal, for as soon as friendly relations were established with the express officials he persuaded them they could use the safes in their business and sold them at a little better than cost."—Washington Post.

Sincerity.

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away, but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has possession of him.—James Russell Lowell.

She'd Keep It.

"But can you keep house?" he asked doubtfully, for he was, above all things, a practical man.

"If you get a house and put it in my name," she replied promptly, "I'll keep it all right enough."

Matters being thus satisfactorily settled, their engagement was announced. —Judge.

Good Reason.

Traveler (to valet)—That's a rather large statue, Pat. Pat—Yes, sor. They tell me the hand is eleven inches wide. Traveler—I wonder why they didn't make it twelve inches? Pat—Because they didn't want to make it into a foot. —London Mail.

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STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds	55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	450,000 00
Bank Building	25,000 00
Cash	891,114 25
	$3,189,000,84

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23

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PANIC PRICES!!
Our Mr. Cole has just returned from the New York market; with the ready money he applied his experience to the panicky conditions and, as a result, we are daily receiving a line of Holiday Serviceables that cannot be equalled in variety, quality and cheapness in Wilmington.
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EVERYBODY!
We Want to Be in Time, So We'll Say It Now.
Some people think it hard to provide a man's Christmas. Great trouble is, they don't go to the right store. We've everything that men wear and want.
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CONTROVERSY IS EXCITING

Admiral Brownson Wouldn't Obey Orders From The President.

HE'S RIGHT ON HIS DIGNITY

When Doctors are to Take Charge of the Ship He Wants to Know Where Naval Men Come in

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—Not since the days preceding the pasage of the personnel law ten years ago has feeling between line and staff of the Navy been so acute as it is today and this as the result of the refusal of Admiral Brownson to transmit orders from his superior officer, the President, assigning a naval surgeon to command a vessel in the navy.

In the case of the personnel act it was Mr. Roosevelt, then Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who acted the part of pacificator and succeeded in bringing the two warring factions together, in support of the measure. In the present instance, however, the efforts of the President to reconcile the surgeons and the line officers has failed and it is probable that the whole controversy will be threshed out in Congress.

This is much deprecated by conservative officers in both line and staff, and is likely to prove prejudical to the navy's interest as a whole, for they believe that in order to succeed in securing from Congress the four great battleships, the cruisers, scouts and submarines, which form a part of the year's naval estimates in addition to securing legislation that will better the lot of naval officers personally, the navy must present a united front.

Through the published statement of Surgeon General Rixey, the merits of the doctors' side of the case in this instance have been clearly set forth. Line officers believe that in common fairness they should also have a hearing. Admiral Brownson preceded his resignation by a cold, clear and logical presentation of the reasons why he objected to the assignment of a physician to command a naval ship, even though that vessel were exclusively devoted to hospital uses. That statement was submitted to the President and, notwithstanding the staff has had its say in print, applications at the White House for this letter are met with refusal. Now it is clearly impossible for Admiral Brownson or any of his line officers to make public a copy of the letter without incurring the risk of a court martial. So they can look for a change in the executive mind or for the Congressional investigation which will devel op all the facts.

Admiral Brownson's objection to the execution of the President's order to place a surgean in command of the Hospital Ship Relief was two-fold. In the first place, like every officer, he believed that the subordination of any line officer, to a staff officer on shipboard was bad policy and subversive of naval discipline.

But a stronger objection in his mind was that the proposed action was clearly illegal inasmuch as it is forbidden by law or naval regulation to assign a staff officer to command a ship. It is only fair to the staff side to state that this is debatable ground and that it would not be difficult to construe the naval laws and regulations in either way.

The reliance of the line officers is upon a provision in Section 7 of the naval personnel act of March 3, 1899. Up to that date staff ojcer had enjoyed what was called "relative rank" with which they were not satisfied, so in Section 7 the word "relative" was struck out so that all sections of the Revised Statutes which, in defining the rank of officers or positions in the navy, contained the words the "relative rank of," were amended so as to read "the rank of." To this provision the following import qualification was attached:

"But officers whose rank is so defined shall not be entitled, in virtue of their rank to command in the line or in other staff corps." Line officers understand this to mean that no surgeon or engineer or paymaster or constructor shall be placed in a position on board ship where he may command the movements and actions of any person not of his own staff corps.

The staff officers held that this act does not in any sense abridge any privilege or rank formerly enjoyed by a staff officer.

There were no developments today in the controversy owing to the absence from Washington of the President. Admiral Brownson relinquished his position as chief of the bureau of navigation yesterday and the duties of that officer were today discharged by Commander Cameron McRae Winslow, the assistant chief of the Bureau. Commander Winslow signed all of his mail as "Acting Chief."

The difference between the line and the staff is something about which the public mind is more or less confused. A line officer is one whose sole duty is to fight the ship, while the staff officer is one who either provides the means for the line officer to do so or acts under his direction in carrying out his general orders.

The surgeons aboard ship look after the health of the crew in time of peace and heal their wounds in times of war, but they also have nothing to do with the movements of the ship to which they are attached, and the same rule applies to the paymaster and to the constructor, who builds the ship navigated by the line officer.

It developed today, that a year ago when the Relief was put into commission, the decision was reached to assign a naval surgeon to command the vessel in the event that it were manned with a merchant crew, and master. But in the event that the ship was manned with a naval crew, then a naval officer of the line would be assigned to the command. Surgeon Stokes will be assigned to the command of the Relief if the crew and master are chosen from the Merchant Marine, which while not finally decided, it is understood will be the case.

Secretary Metcalf again today declined to enter into any discussion of the issues which prompted Admiral Brownson's resignation as chief of the Navigation Bureau.

DIDN'T LIKE HIS DINNER

So One of the Guests Raised a Rough House—Another is Dead But No Arrests Have Been Made.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Dalton, Ga., Dec. 26.—News has reached here of the fatal shooting following a Christmas dinner near Spring Place last night.

Liege Williams, a farmer, invited several persons to supper.

One of the guests is alleged to have made some slighting remarks about the food which resulted in a fight between the host, his son and Roscoe Russell.

During the fight the light was overturned and extinguished.

When the room was again lighted, John Tanks, an innocent on-looker had been shot and was found lying dead upon the floor. No arrests have been made.

TRIAL OF POWERS

More Witnesses Go on Stand and Contradict Testimony of Others.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 26.—In the trial of Caleb Powers, Sheriff White testified that James Howard had no mustache the day Howard and White went to Frankfort together. This was the day Goebel was shot. Both the Sheriff and his brother, John G. White testified that Howard went to Frankfort in response to a letter from John G. White, advising him to see Taylor, if he wanted a pardon for killing a man named Baker at Manchester, before the Gubernatorial contest was decided in favor of Goebel. John G. White also testified to seeing Howard at the Board of Trade Hotel where Howard claims he was, when Goebel was shot.

S. A. Thomas, an attorney of Frankfort, testified that Henry Youtsey, after arrest and while in the Frankfort jail, told him that he did not know James Howard at the time Goebel was assassinated and never saw Howard until meeting him in jail after both had been arrested.

Mrs. J. B. Mathes testified that she was on a train near Barboursville when Henry said he could go down to Frankfort and say things that would look bad for Powers, but that he knew Powers to be as innocent as the babe she was holding in her lap. On cross examination, Mrs. Mathews said her husband was in Cincinnati. Mathews was prominently connected with the Taylor administration.

R. C. Kinkaid, an attorney for the defense of those charged with Goebel's murder, had a talk with Youtsey, who told him that he heard a shot while he was on the stairway going into the basement. He went out into the yard and around to the East entrance and back into the office of the Secretary of State. He told who was in there. Youtsey told the witness that he had never heard anyone threaten Senator Goebel and that he was not present when the subject was discussed. Youtsey wrote it all out in short hand and read it from his notes. He later prepared a statement.

The defense has but a few more witnesses to examine and it is thought the end of their testimony will be reached tomorrow at noon.

The commonwealth will be brief in rebuttal and it is anticipated that all testimony for both sides will be in by Saturday night and arguments will begin on Monday.

Two days will be allowed for speeches and the case will probably be in the hands of the jury for final consideration by Wednesday noon.

Eighty-eight witnesses have been examined by the defense in addition to a number of despositions and reading of the record of dead witnesses. The greater part of the day was again spent in efforts of contradiction of the testimony of Henry E. Youtsey.

LEG TORN OFF

Dynamite Exploded and Also Wrecked The House

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 26.—Dan Bradley, sixteen years old and a son of a widow at Pratt City died today as the result of injuries received with an explosion of dynamite.

While on the porch he was jarred and the dynamite he had in his pocket exploded.

The boy's right leg was torn off and his body was thrown violently through a window into the parlor where the guests were assembled.

Several boys and girls were knocked down and other were badly shaken up by the explosion and by the boy striking them.

The house was badly wrecked.

GEORGIA EDITOR SHOT.

Was Trying to Elope With Another Man's Sister But Will Live.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Leesburg, Ga., Dec. 26.—B. W. Atkins, editor of the Lee County Journal was shot late yesterday evening by Deputy Clerk J. W. Morgan.

The wounded man will recover.

The shooting was the result of Atkins attempting to elope with a sister of Morgan.

ARE TERRIBLY MUTILATED

Bodies Still Being Recovered From the Darr Coal Mine at Jacobs Creek and Some are Headless.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 26.—Rapid Progress is being made in the removal of bodies from the Darr Mine. All of the entries except No. 27 have been cleared and a total of 124 bodies brought from the mine. A number of other bodies have been located and it is expected that they wil be brought to the surface during the night.

Preparations have been made to resume work in entry No. 27 early tomorrow and it is expected that 100 bodies will be found there, as indications are that the explosion occurred in this working.

All the bodies recovered today were decomposed and terribly mutilated. The rescuers report that drivers were found fifty yards from their horses and nothing remains of the wagons but the trucks. All that was found of a trapper boy was the headless trunk and one leg. The body was entirely nude.

General Manager Schleuderberger of the Pittsburg Coal company said, "providing nothing unforeseen occurs, the exploring parties ought to finish their work by tomorrow evening. Some falls occurred in the rooms where the men were working, covering up the corpses and these will be cleared as fast as possible. It may be days yet, however, before the body of every man who was killed by the explosion is recovered."

BRYAN APPOINTED SENATOR.

Governor Appoints William James Bryan to Fill Out Term of Senator Mallory.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 26.—Governor Broward yesterday appointed William James Bryan, of this city, to be United States Senator, vice Stephen R. Mallory, deceased, for the balance of the term expiring March 4, 1909. Mr. Bryan is a prominent young attorney, only 31 years of age, and now holds the position of county solicitor for this. Duval county. He was born in Orange county, Florida, October 10, 1876. He is the son of John M. Bryan, who served fourteen years as State Senator and afterwards as a member of the State railroad commission.

Mr. Bryan is a member of the law firm of Bryan & Bryan, his partner being Hon. Nathan P. Bryan, chairman of the State educational board of control. He has always been in active politics and is at present a member of the Democratic State executive committee.

About two months ago Mr. Bryan announced his candidacy for the United States Senatorship to succeed Senator Mallory.

ARE BEING ENTERTAINED

Officers and Men of the Big Battleship Fleet are Made Welcome.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Port of Spain, Dec. 26.—The captains of the American battleships and their staffs were entertained at luncheon today by Sir Henry Moore Jackson, the Governor of Trinidad, and later were the guests of the Governor at the horse races.

The weather was ideal and the race course was thronged with officers and men of the fleet together with a holiday crowd from the city.

The American horses carried off the honors, being the winners in nearly all the races, and the visitors gave themselves to applauding those victories.

Owing to the fact that ships will have fininshed coaling by tomorrow noon, thousands of the blue jackets will be given shore leave.

The tender Yankton of the auxiliary division, having taken on supplies today, will leave for Rio de Janeiro tomorrow in advance of the fleet.

The collier Marcellus which arrived here December 18th from the League Island navy yard will start on her return trip tomorrow.

SEVERAL HOTELS BURNED

Another Fire Occurs Near Jamestown Exposition Grounds.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—Fire of unknown origin near the west boundary of the Jamestown Exposition grounds early today destroyed a dozen or more frame structures including several small hotels with a loss of between $25,000 and $30,000.

The burned buldings are the Hotel Portsmouth, the headquarters of the Virginia (Tidewater) Railway Terminal Construction employes where the fire started, the hotels Chesterfied, Pamlico, Chancellor, Virginia Inn., the Owl and Colonial restaurants.

The States Hotel, Admas Hotel and Hotel De Ville were threatened but several hundred fire fighters who assembled did good work in preventing the spread of the flames.

A number of people were asleep in the hotels and other places when the fire started but all escaped.

This is the third large fire that Pine Beach had had in the last eight months.

ARM TORN OFF.

Third Explosion at These Powder Mills in Three Weeks.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 26.—The third explosion in as many weeks at the Kings Powder Mills, fatally injured two employes, occurred this evening.

The injured are Alonzo Young and Andrew Sears.

Young was shaking primes when the caps exploded, demolishing the battery shops. His left arm was torn off and Sears, who was working nearby, received terrible burns. The loss to the plant is estimated at $1,000.

JUMPED IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

Prominent New Yorker Takes That Way to Commit Suiside

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Ernest G. Stedman, Vice President and a director of the J. C. Lyons Building and Operating Company against which a petition in bankruptcy was filed last Friday, committed suicide today by jumping in front of a subway train at the 14th street station.

The fatality occurred at the rush hours, precipitating a panic among the hundreds of waiting passengers.

Women became hysterical and it was with difficulty that the crowd was controlled by the subway police.

A valuation of over $7,000,000 is placed upon the real estate owned by the Lyons Company which includes office buildings, apartment houses and hotels in various parts of New York.

Its insolvency is laid at the doors of recent business depression. It is said that previous to the slump every office in the corporation building at 238 Fifth avenue was rented. Last week all were vacant. The concern has admitted its bankruptcy and receivers have been appointed.

Mr. Stedman was born in Hartford Conn., 61 years ago and graduated from Yale in 1867. Two years later he received a degree from the Columbia law school.

Edmund Clarence Stedman, the banker poet, cousin of the dead man, said he knew of no reason for the suicide.

Mr. Stedman was a man of strong character and good balance. He said, "and little likely to do anything of this nature."

MUST AGREE TO TERMS.

If Not, the Philadelphia Street Car Men Will Strike.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The directors of the Philadelphia Transit Company, at a meeting held today fromed a reply, which they will tomorrow pany, at a meeting held today framed who have demanded increased wages, a ten hour working day, and improved conditions. What the company has to say to the employes has not been made public, but it was stated that it would convey to the men the information that the Rapid Transit Company would receive the employes as individuals, to discuss conditions and hear their grievances, but would not recognize them as the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, or representatives of any Union. The Amalgamated Association members were refused an audience with the Rapid Transit Company officials and voted to give the Executive Committee power to call a strike unless the company's officials agreed to receive them and adjust their differences.

NOT GUILTY WAS PLEA.

Massachusetts Physician Denies That He Killed His Wife.

(By Wire to the Morn'ng Star.)

Deadham, Mass., Dec. 26.—"Not guilty" was the plea entered by Dr. Walei Walter Raleigh Amesbury of Hyde Park today, when formally charged in court with the murder of his wife, Anna Reese Amesbury, a teacher of music at Roanoke college, Danville, Va., at Hyde Park yesterday. The hearing was continued until Thursday, January 2nd.

Neither of Dr. Amesbury's two sons nor any of the government's witnesses were in court today.

Dr. Amesbury had been estranged frim his wife for some time. Yesterday he called upon her and begged to live with him again. Upon her refusal to do so, he shot her, killing her almost instantly. The two grown sons of the couple grappled with the father, overpowering him and bound him and held him for the police

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